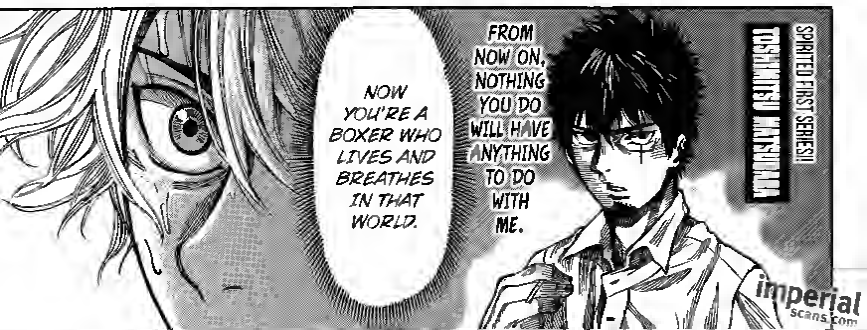
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FROM NOW ON, NOTHING YOU DO WILL HAVE ANYTHING TO DO WITH ME.
NOW YOU'RE A BOXER WHO LIVES AND BREATHES IN THAT WORLD.

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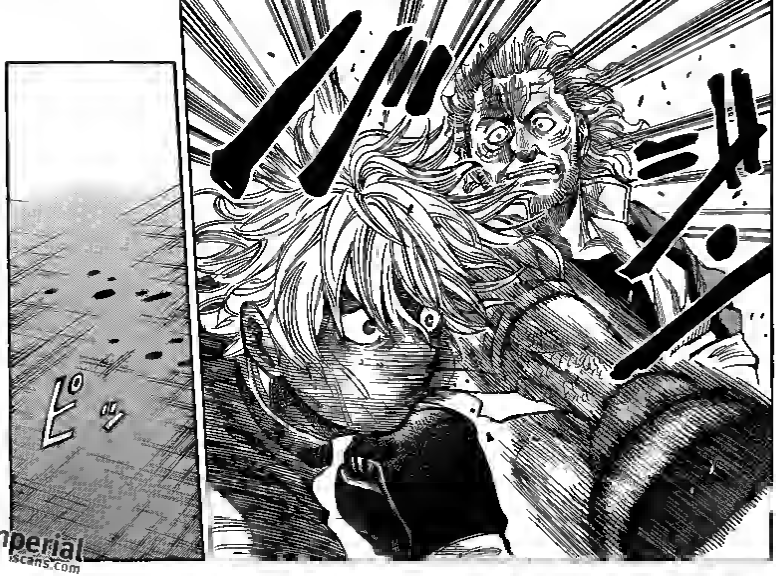
READ YOUR OPPONENT AND MATCH THEM!
UP AND DOWN!! FASTER!! DON'T ENTER YOUR OPPONENT'S RANGE! INVITE HIM IN AND HIT HIM WITH YOUR SPECIALTY, YOUR HOOK!
HAH
HAH
HAH
HAH



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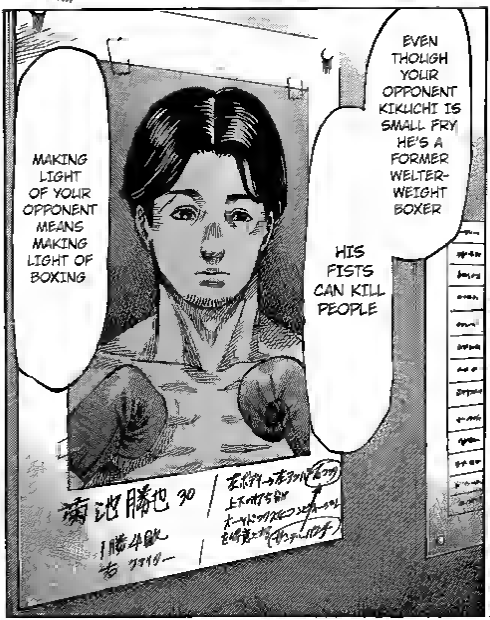
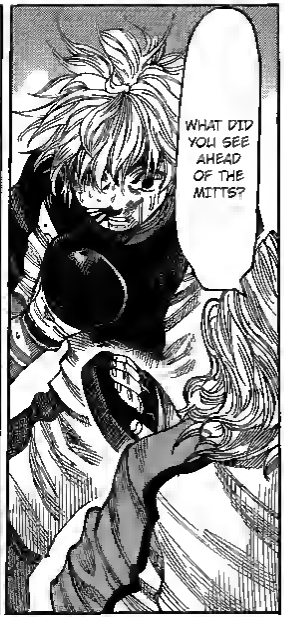
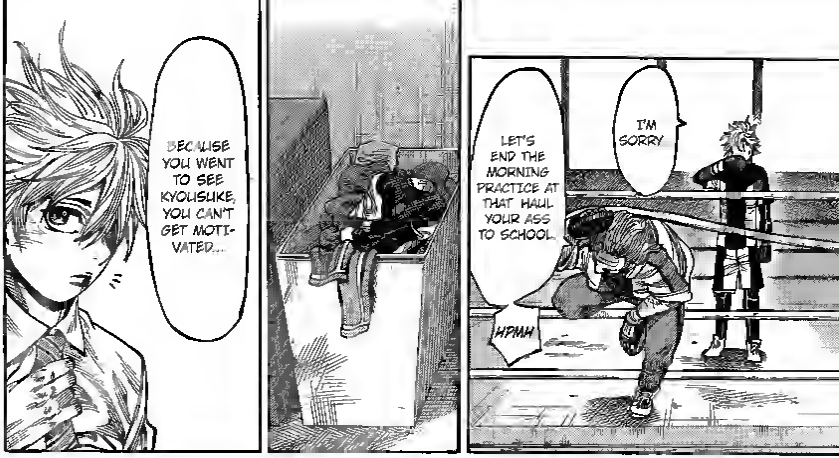
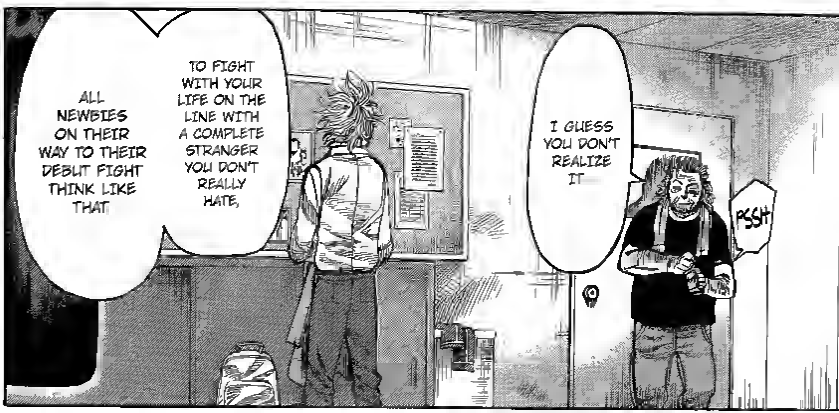

MAKING LIGHT OF YOUR OPPONENT MEANS MAKING LIGHT OF BOXING
EVEN THOUGH YOUR OPPONENT KIKUCHI IS SMALL FRY HE'S A FORMER WELTER-WEIGHT BOXER
HIS FISTS CAN KILL PEOPLE




I'M SORRY
LET'S END THE MORNING PRACTICE AT THAT HAUL YOUR ASS TO SCHOOL.
HMM
BECAUSE YOU WENT TO SEE KYOUSUKE, YOU CAN'T GET MOTIVATED...


I GUESS YOU DON'T REALIZE IT...
PSSH
TO FIGHT WITH YOUR LIFE ON THE LINE WITH A COMPLETE STRANGER YOU DON'T REALLY HATE,
ALL NEWBIES ON THEIR WAY TO THEIR DEBUT FIGHT THINK LIKE THAT

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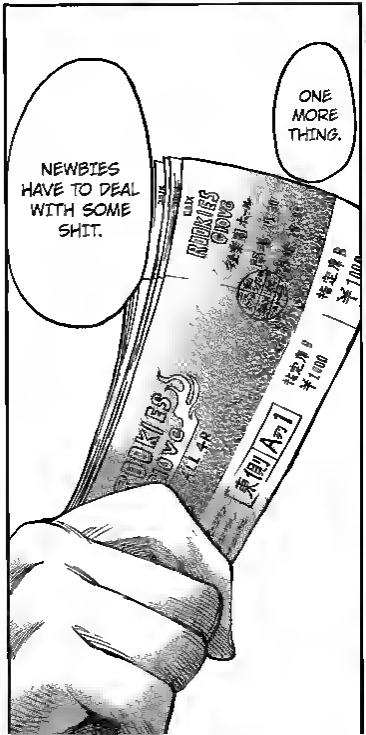

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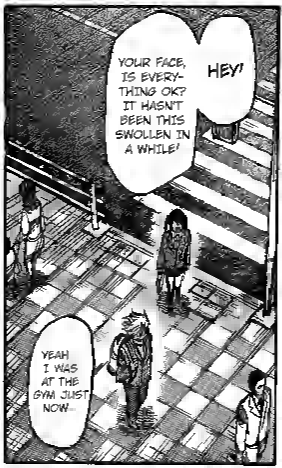

HAVE YOU DECIDED WHAT CAREER YOU WANT TO PURSUE?
YEAH, I WANT TO DO SOMETHING WHILE MOVING, SO I THINK I'LL GO FOR A MANUAL LABOUR JOB.
DON'T YOU MAKE A LOT OF MONEY WITH SPORTS THAT RESULT IN A LOT OF INJURIES?
…
OH? DO YOU FEEL LIKE MAKING MONEY WITH BOXING UNTIL YOU GRADUATE HIGH SCHOOL THEN?
TELL ME WHEN YOUR FIGHT IS DECIDED
IT'S NOT THAT I WANT TO SEE YOU GET HIT, BUT I WANT TO SEE YOU DO YOUR BEST AS A PRO...
……
I HAPPENED TO SEE BEFORE MY MORNING ROAD-WORK...

WASTE MY... MONEY?
!
YOU WERE STUDYING UNTIL FOUR IN THE MORNING. YOU'RE ALSO DOING A PART-TIME JOB SO YOU CAN GO TO A WELFARE SCHOOL, RIGHT?
IF SO, YOU CAN'T WASTE YOUR MONEY.
MAKE SURE TO TELL ME ONCE YOUR FIGHT IS DECIDED!
THAT'S NOT IT AT ALL!
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ALL NEWBIES BUG THEIR FRIENDS AND ACQUAINTANCES TO SELL THEM TICKETS. DO YOUR BEST AS WELL.
THEN THE BOXER FIGHTS WITHOUT ANY INCOME..
I CAN FIGHT, I'M FINE...
AS LONG AS...
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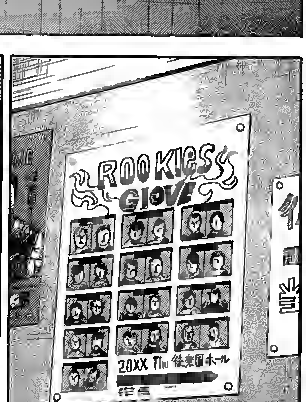

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EVEN THOUGH HE HAS NO AMATEUR EXPERIENCE, IT'S A FIRST BOXER OF THE BABA GYM IN A LONG TIME
I'M INTERESTED
I WAS IMAGINING A MORE STERN PERSON...
SO THAT'S THE RUMORED RIKU AZAMI...?

TO FIGHT WITH SUCH A SCARY NEWBIE, KIKUCHI ALSO HAS SOME ADVENTUROUS SPIRIT!
HE'S BETTING IT ALL ON AN OPPONENT WITH NO FIGHT RECORDS. HE CAN'T DROP WEIGHT CLASS ANY LOWER THAN THIS
AND THEN THERE'S ALSO HIS AGE...
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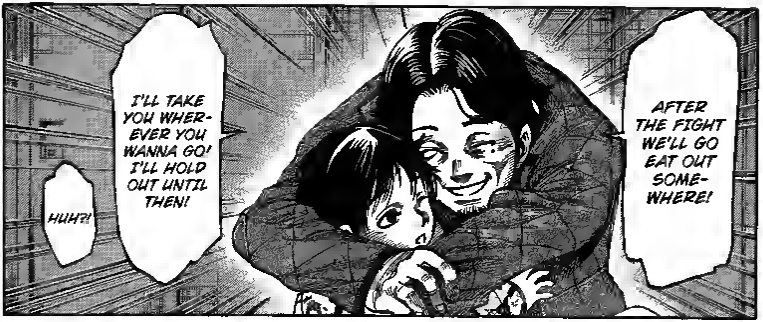

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WHAT IS THAT...
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ざわ...
WERE THE RUMORS ABOUT BABA GYM'S GRUELLING TRAINING TRUE ?
NO THEY'RE NOT BOXING INJURIES THEY'RE INJURIES FROM GETTING HIT BY VARIOUS THINGS THOSE SOAKED IN BRUISES AND STAINS...
THEY SEEM LIKE FAIRLY OLD INJURIES

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HAHA HA
DON'T WORRY I WAS ALSO LIKE THAT WHEN I WAS YOUNG
YOUR SENIOR IS GREETING YOU WHAT KIND OF NEWBIE ARE YOU?
AH, SORRY YOU TOO

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AGAIN, HEY, TAKERU!
WHAT ARE YOU SAYING?!
I'M SORRY, HE'S ALWAYS LIKE THIS.
NO.
LET'S HAVE A GOOD FIGHT TOMORROW, AZAMI!
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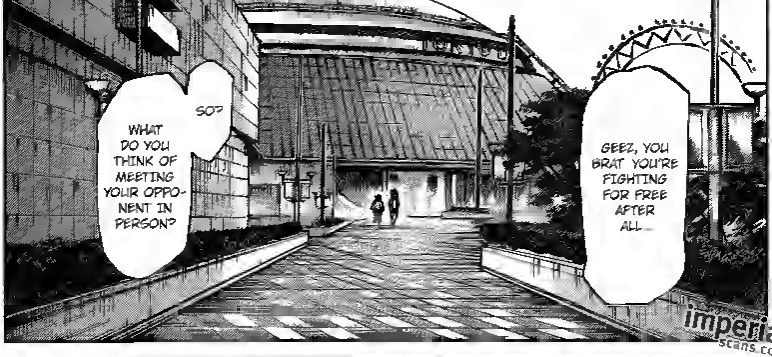

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NEXT ISSUE: A COLOR PAGE TO CELEBRATE THE POPULARITY!

RIKUDO

IS THERE SOMETHING DWELLING IN HIS FISTS?
CHAPTER 10 - GONG
RIKUDO
EXTRA PAGES! 21 PAGES TOTAL!
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HERE IS A CENTER COLOR AS THANKS FOR THE GREAT POPULARITY AND THE RAVING REACTIONS!! THIS IS RIKU AZUMI'S CRAZED BATTLE DRAMA!!
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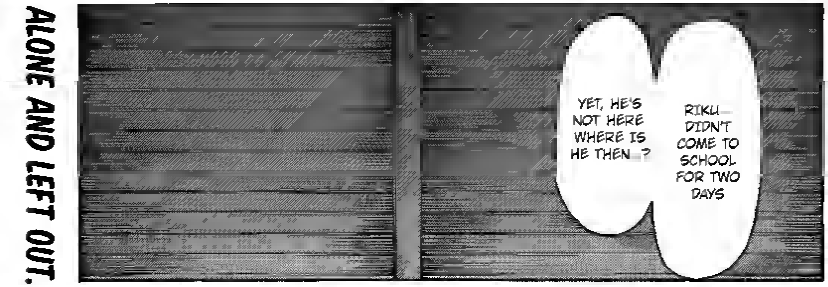
ALONE AND LEFT OUT.



KID,
YOU READY?
...
YES
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AT LAST IT'S TIME, EH...?
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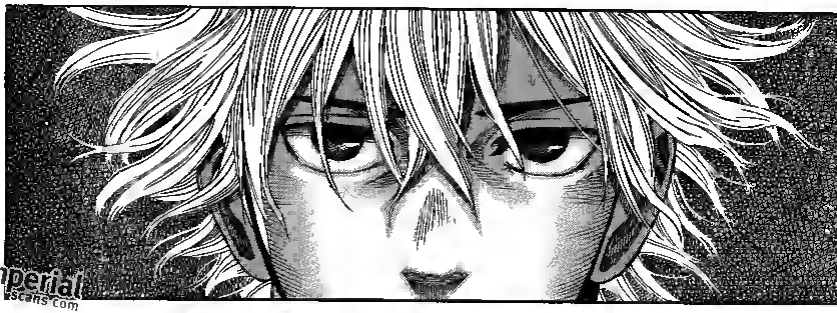
A FIGHT?!
HE SHOULD HAVE TOLD ME I'D HAVE TAKEN THE DAY OFF TO GO SEE HIM
BUT WELL BRUSHING OFF OTHERS AND BEING UNASSERTIVE IS JUST LIKE HIM AFTER ALL



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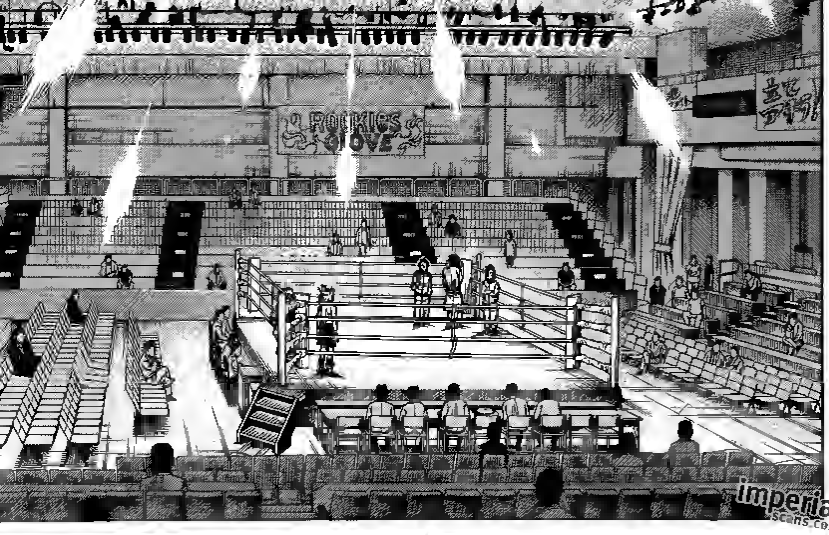

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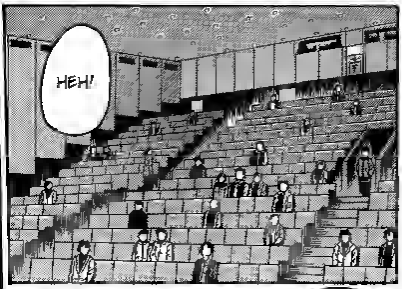

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AS YOU'D EXPECT FOR A FIGHT OF A 4 ROUNDER IT'S A PRETTY LONESOME SCENE BUT I GUESS YOU AIN'T REALLY INTERESTED IN THE SURROUNDINGS EH?

DADDY!
THE NINTH 4 ROUNDER LIGHTWEIGHT MATCH WILL NOW BE STARTING.
.....
HE SPENDS EVERY DAY WITH HIS GROUP OF HOODLUMS, SO THERE AIN'T NO WAY FOR HIM TO BE IN THIS HALL
KYOUSUKE AIN'T HERE
I... SEE.
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IN THE RED CORNER MEMBER OF THE TADZIKA GYM AND WEIGHING 198 POUNDS ...
KATSU-YAAAAA KIKUCHI!!
DADDY!
FIGHT WELL, TATSU-YA!
IN THE BLUE CORNER, MEMBER OF THE BABA BOXING GYM AND WEIGHING 182 POUNDS...
RIKUUU AZAAA-AAM!!!
THIS WILL ALSO BE AZAMI'S DEBUT FIGHT.
THAT NEWCOMER'S PRETTY HOT ISN'T HE?
LOOK AT HIM— WHAT'S WILL ALL THOSE INJURIES ...?

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KID
I WON'T TELL YOU ANYTHING EXCEPT THAT
[illegible]KE TOLD YOU THAT IT'S ALL ABOUT THE MENTAL ASPECT AND NOT THE TECHNICAL ASPECT, RIGHT?
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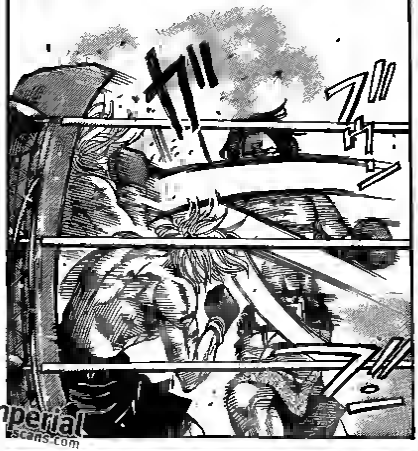

KIKUCHI? YOU MEAN THAT OLD MAN FROM WELTER-WEIGHT WHO WAS STUCK AS A 4 ROUNDER FOREVER?
NOW HE'S BEING REFERRED TO AS A HARD PUNCHER JUST BECAUSE HE MANAGED TO GET A FEW DOWNS BEFORE

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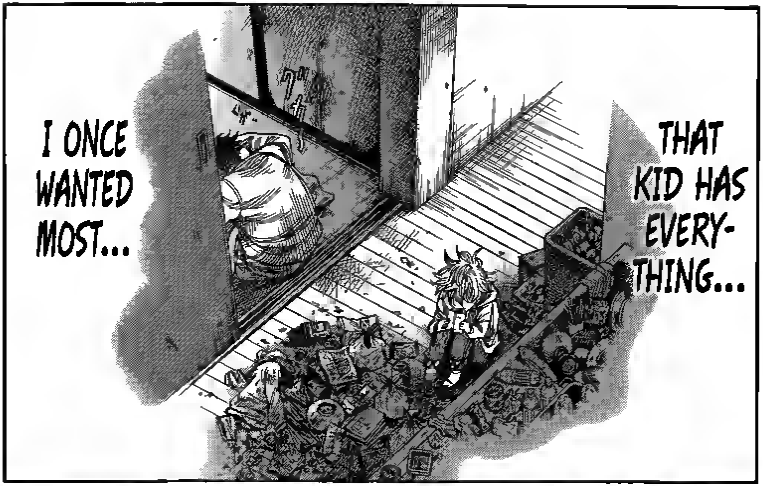
I ONCE WANTED MOST...
THAT KID HAS EVERY-THING...

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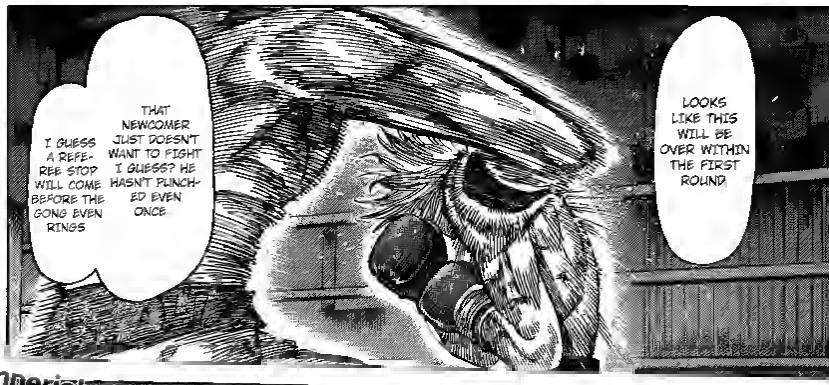
HUFF
AND IF THOSE THINGS ARE TAKEN AWAY FROM HIM...
HAH!
HAH!
HAH!


I GUESS A REFEREE STOP WILL COME BEFORE THE GONG EVEN RINGS
THAT NEWCOMER JUST DOESN'T WANT TO FIGHT I GUESS? HE HASN'T PUNCHED EVEN ONCE
LOOKS LIKE THIS WILL BE OVER WITHIN THE FIRST ROUND

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DADDY!!
WHAT DID I COME "HERE" FOR?!
PUNCH HIM...!
WHAT THE HECK AM I DOING!!
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AT THIS RATE... I'LL LOSE.
BUT IN THE END, THE WINNER WON'T BE SETTLED USING FISTS...
I FINALLY FOUND MY "WAY"! AND AT LONG LAST I'M HAVING MY DEBUT FIGHT.
"BOXING"
IF THAT'S NO GOOD TOO, THEN WHAT WILL BECOME OF MY...
DOES THAT MEAN I CAN'T... LIVE "HERE"... LIVE EVEN WITH "BOXING"...?

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WITHIN EXPECTATIONS? KYOUSUKE TOKOROZAWA, OVERSEEING THE HARD FIGHT FROM THE SHADOWS!
カーン
STOP...!
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SO THAT NEWCOMER HELD ON FOR THE FIRST ROUND AFTER ALL
...
HEH!
HE FINALLY USED IT AFTER BEING CORNERED...
HIS FIST, THAT IS...
WHEEZE
WHEEZE
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NEXT JUDGE: KAN'S HESITATION IS...?!
RIKUDO

WHAT THE HECK'S GOING ON IN THE BLUE CORNER?
HOW AWFUL
IT'S THE INTERVAL, YET...
THE ATHLETE'S LEFT BY HIMSELF.
RIKU
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A WASTED ONE-SIDED 1ST ROUND. NOW HE TAKES HIS FIRST REAL STEP IN BOXING.
[RIKUDO]

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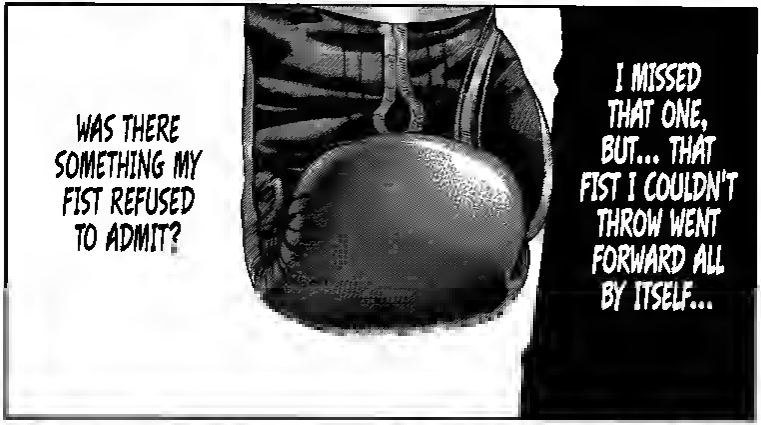

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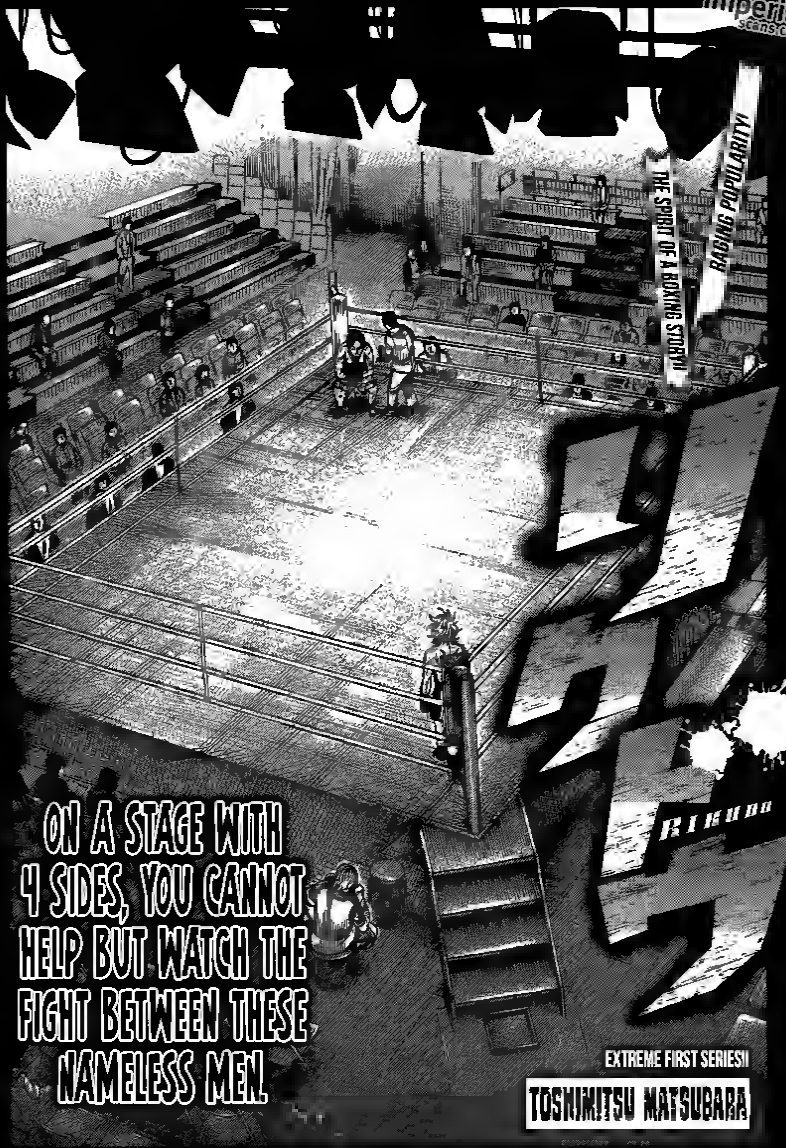
RAGING POPULARITY!
THE SPIRIT OF A BOXING STORY!!
ON A STAGE WITH 4 SIDES, YOU CANNOT HELP BUT WATCH THE FIGHT BETWEEN THESE NAMELESS MEN.
EXTREME FIRST SERIES!!
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ALL RIGHT!! NICE GOING, KATSUYA!!
BE CONFIDENT!
YOUR PUNCH WILL DEFEAT HIM AS LONG AS IT CONNECTS! BUT DON'T GET ANY WILD MOVES! REMEMBER YOUR COMBINATIONS!
OK!!
DADDY.

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KATSUYA!
.....
WIN THIS!
THIS TIME, YOU'LL WIN!!
THERE'S A WAY FORWARD, EVEN IF THERE'S NO GOING BACK.
THAT'S RIGHT... AS LONG AS I DO WHATEVER IT TAKES TO WIN THIS MATCH, THEN THERE'LL BE A NEXT ONE.
WHEN HUMANS GET DRIVEN INTO A CORNER...
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I'M FINE WITH JUST RAMEN!
TAKERU! LET'S GO AND EAT SUSHI AFTER THIS IS OVER.
SECONDS OUT!!
CAN'T BE ANYONE ELSE OTHER THAN HIS DAD!
HA HA HA.
LET'S GO EAT SOMETHING BETTER THAN THAT.
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A SON'S HERO...
I CAN'T POSSIBLY LET IT END, CAN I?
ONLY THROUGH BOXING CAN I MAKE TAKERU SEE ME AS A HERO.
OFF YOU GO, KATSU-YA!!
勝也

ROUND 2!
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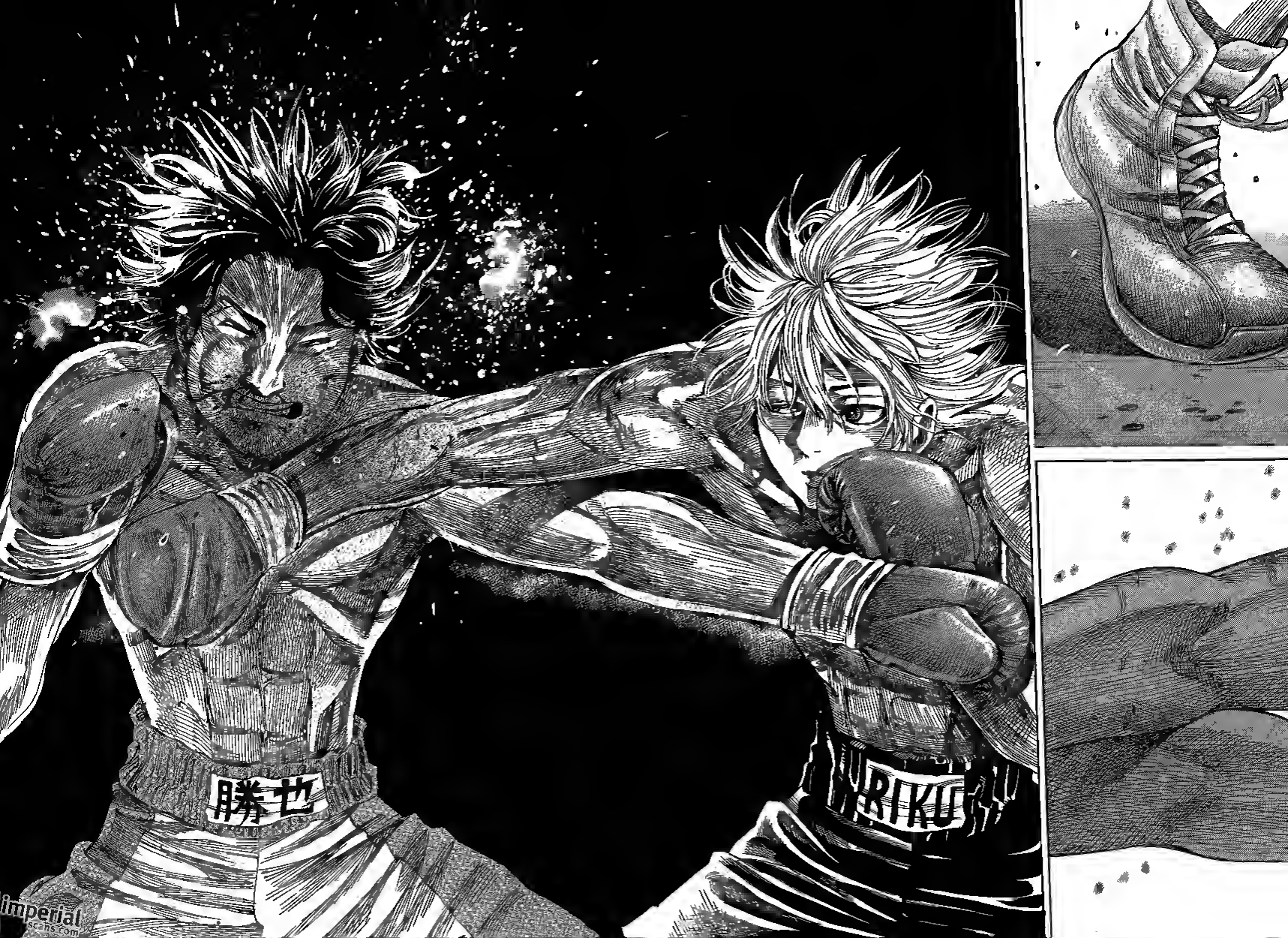
勝也
RIKU

AH...
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THAT'S IT...!!
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-OR BE KILLED...
-IT'S KILL...

MY FIST REFU-SED...
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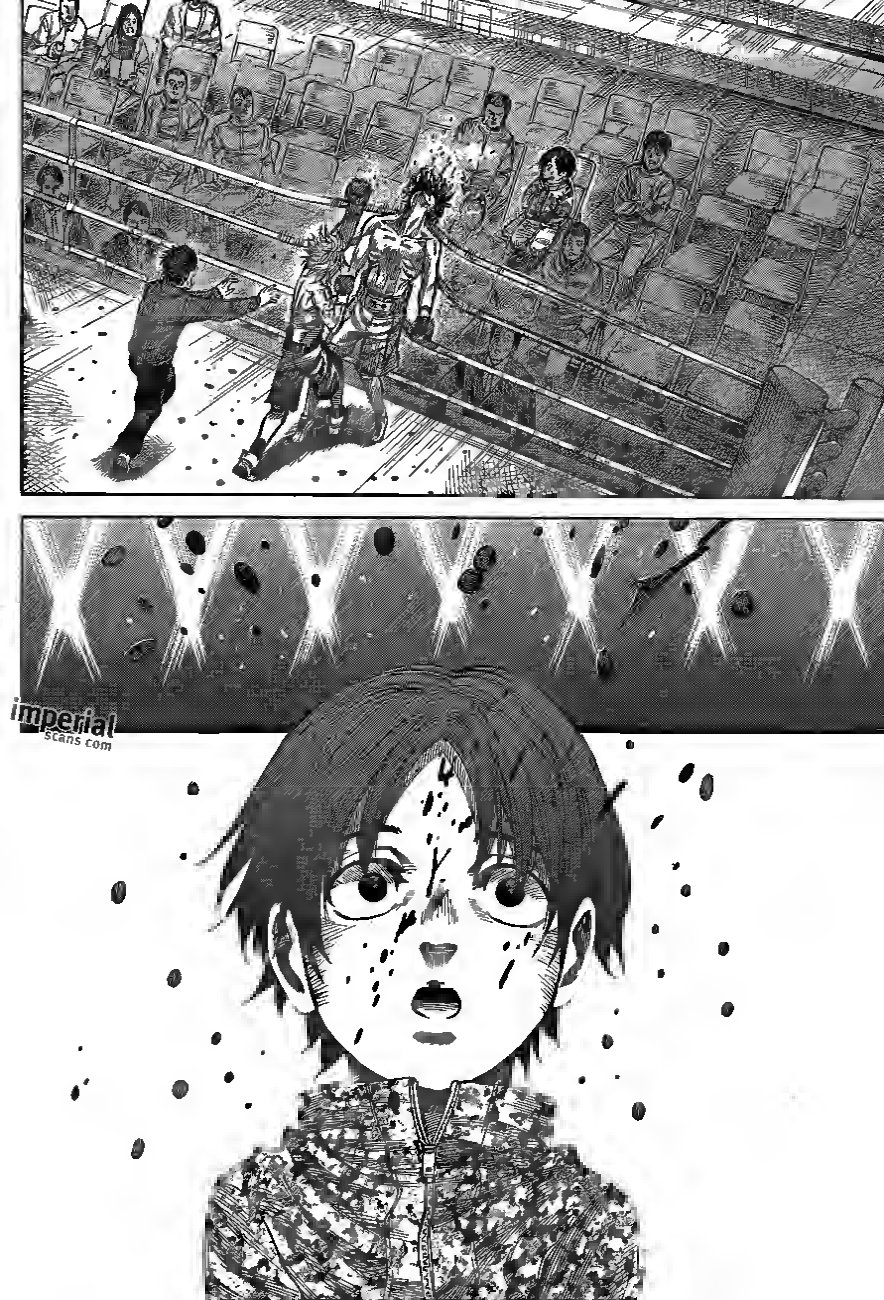
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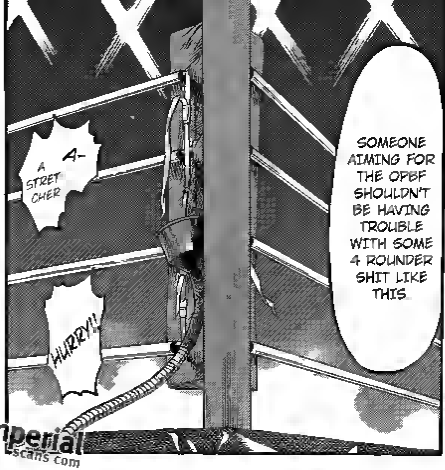

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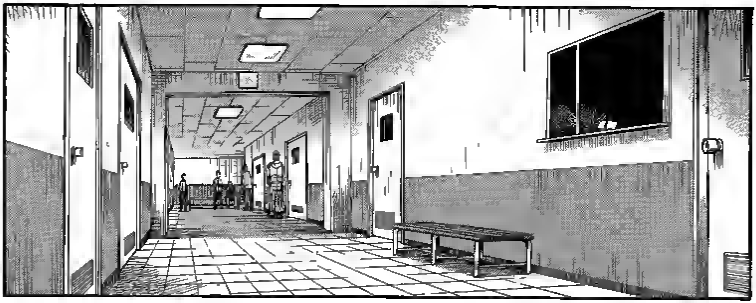

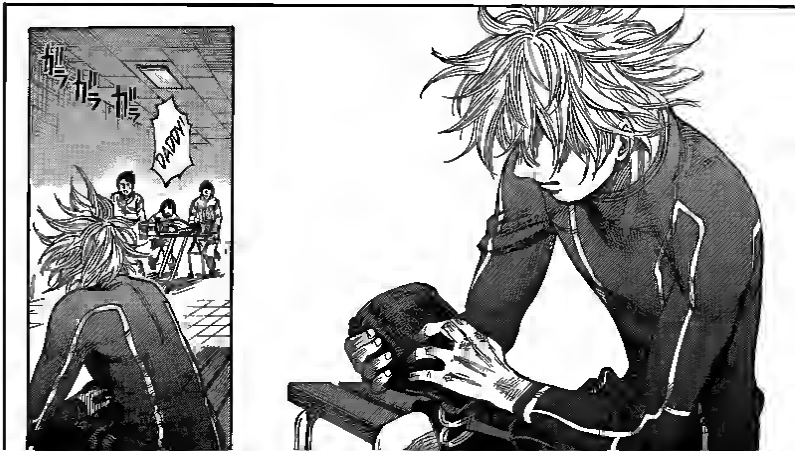

ANSWER ME!!
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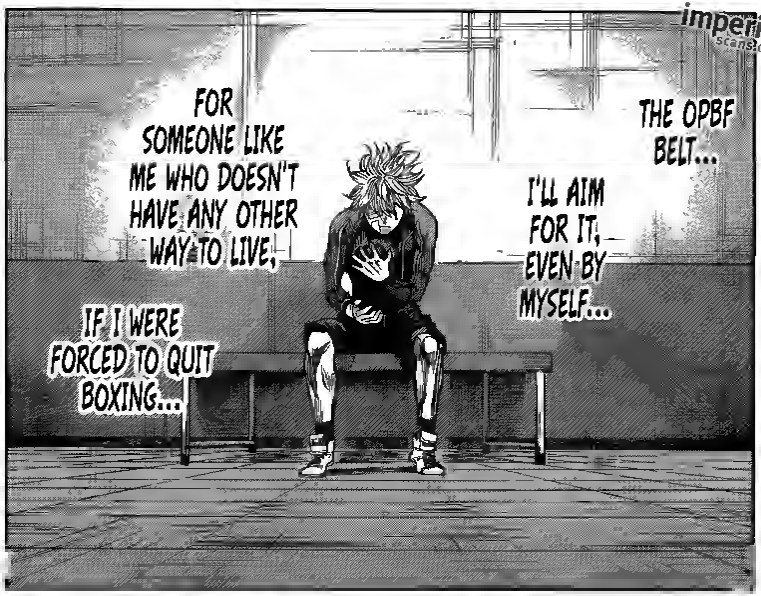
THE WEAK... BECOME LOSERS
AND LOSERS CAN'T ACHIEVE ANYTHING...


IF I WERE FORCED TO QUIT BOXING...
FOR SOMEONE LIKE ME WHO DOESN'T HAVE ANY OTHER WAY TO LIVE,
I'LL AIM FOR IT, EVEN BY MYSELF...
THE OPBF BELT...

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I'D BECOME A LOSER.
THE SOUL REFUSES!

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RIKUDO
CHAPTER 12 - ATTENTION
DON'T TURN AROUND OR LOOK DOWN.
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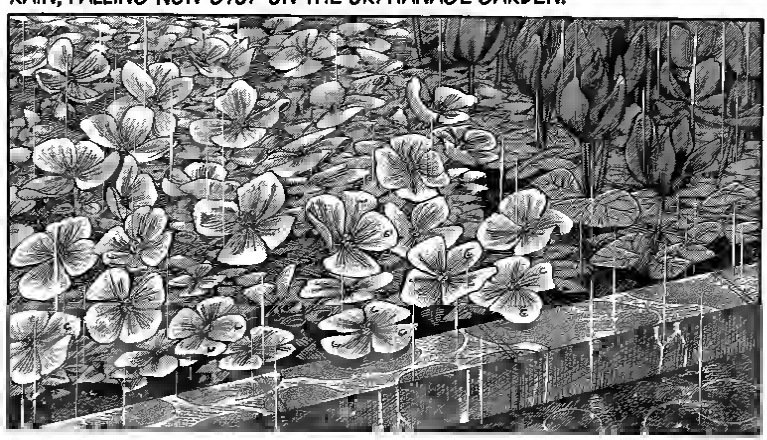
WILL HIT THE SHELVES IN SEPTEMBER!!!

RAIN, FALLING NON-STOP ON THE ORPHANAGE GARDEN.



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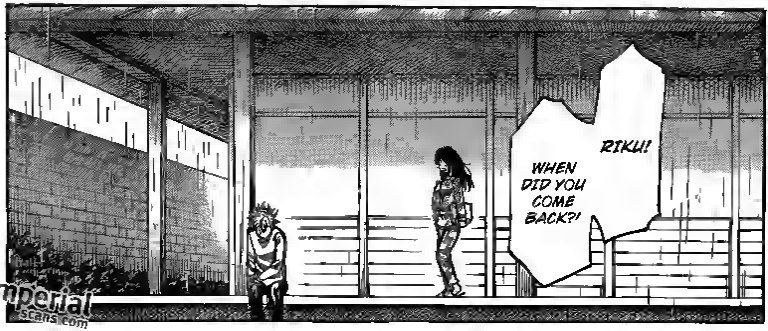

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YOU'RE TERRIBLE! YOU HAD A FIGHT YESTERDAY, HADN'T YOU?!
I ALSO HEARD THE WHOLE DEAL ABOUT THE TICKETS!
WHY DID YOU NOT TELL ME ANY-THING?!

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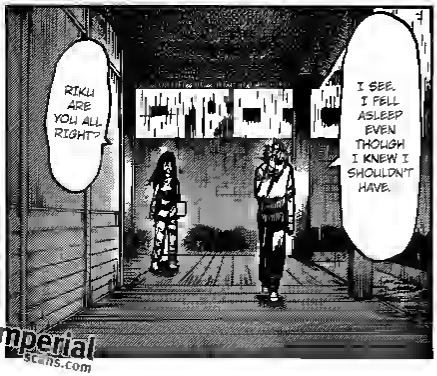

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BY THE WAY...
DID YOU... WIN?
!
YEP.
.....
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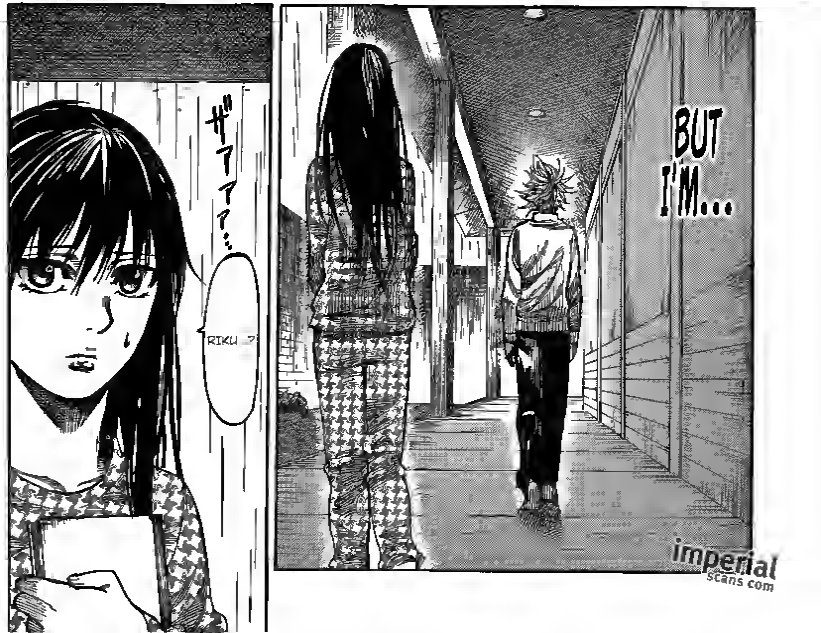
STRIKING DOWN MY OPPONENT FOR MY OWN SAKE WITH STRENGTH.
I MIGHT HAVE
MADE THAT CHILD EXPERIENCE THE SAME AS WHAT I EXPERIENCED BACK THEN.



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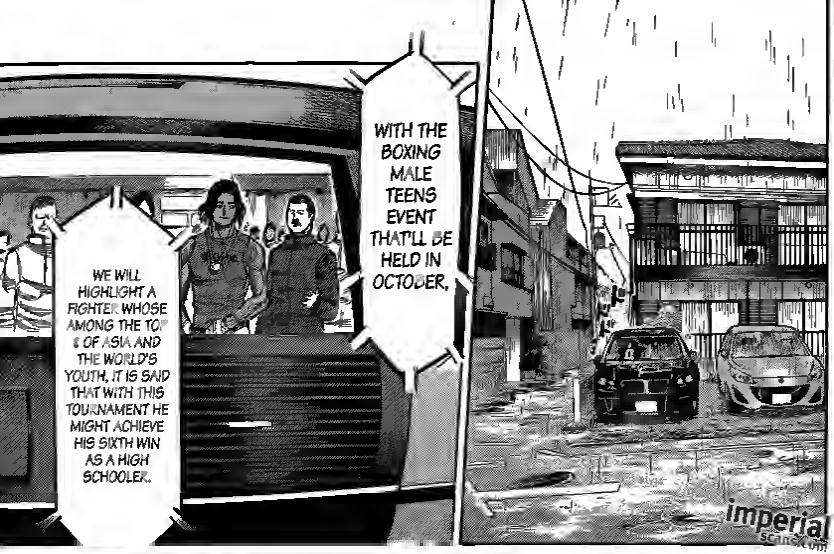
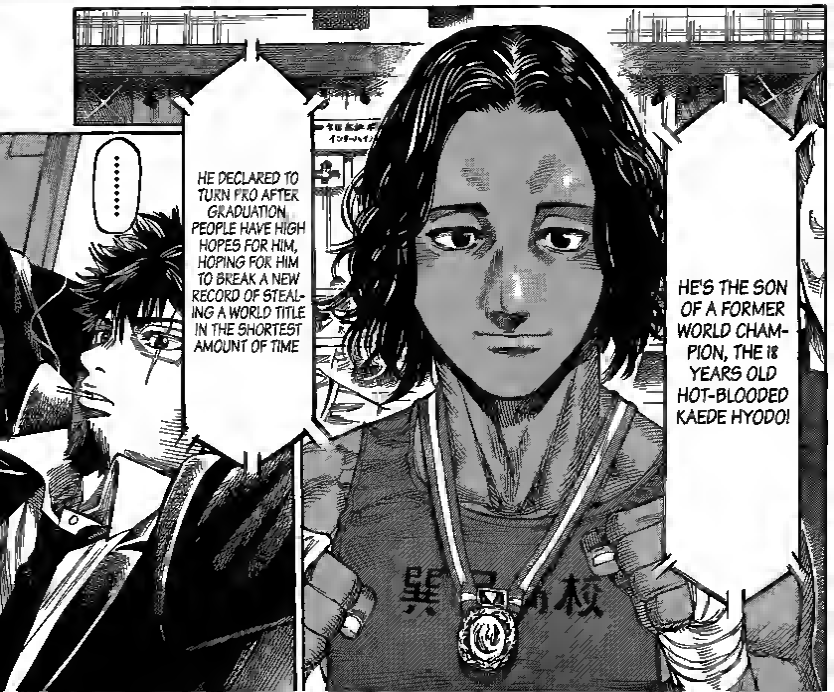

WITH THE BOXING MALE TEENS EVENT THAT'LL BE HELD IN OCTOBER,
WE WILL HIGHLIGHT A FIGHTER WHOSE AMONG THE TOP 8 OF ASIA AND THE WORLD'S YOUTH. IT IS SAID THAT WITH THIS TOURNAMENT HE MIGHT ACHIEVE HIS SIXTH WIN AS A HIGH SCHOOLER.


HE'S THE SON OF A FORMER WORLD CHAMPION, THE 18 YEARS OLD HOT-BLOODED KAEDE HYODO!
HE DECLARED TO TURN PRO AFTER GRADUATION. PEOPLE HAVE HIGH HOPES FOR HIM, HOPING FOR HIM TO BREAK A NEW RECORD OF STEALING A WORLD TITLE IN THE SHORTEST AMOUNT OF TIME
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I KNOW YOU'RE IN THERE!!
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IN THE LIGHT-WEIGHT HE...
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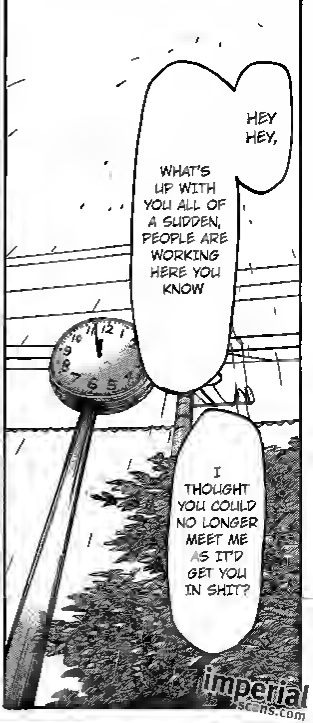
BABA...


HEY HEY,
WHAT'S UP WITH YOU ALL OF A SUDDEN, PEOPLE ARE WORKING HERE YOU KNOW
I THOUGHT YOU COULD NO LONGER MEET ME AS IT'D GET YOU IN SHIT?

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HEH..!
THAT AGAIN...
DON'T YOU EVER APPROACH THE KID.
EVEN THOUGH NOBODY KNOWS THAT YOU'VE BECOME A YAKUZA AFTER RETIREMENT, THERE ARE STILL LIMITS TO HOW FOND YOU CAN BE.
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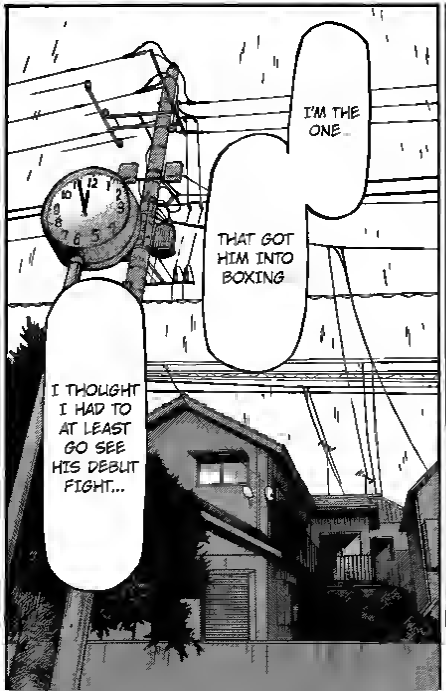

JUST THINKING OF IT IS MAKING ME EXCITED, AS TO HOW HE'LL SURVIVE IN THE BOXING WORLD.
I KNEW IT. HE STEPPED FORWARD ON HIS OWN. HUH?
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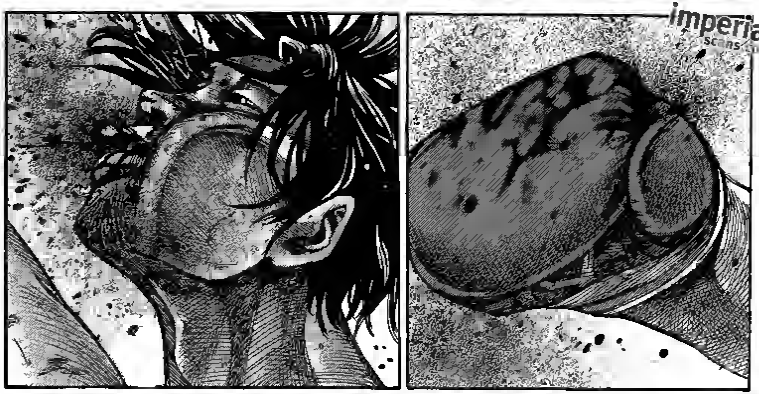
BRING HIM TO THE TOP OF THE WORLD OR I'LL KILL YOU, GOT IT?
HEH!
STOP TALKING ABOUT THE WORLD OR EVEN OPBF... FIRST UP IS THE ROOKIE KING...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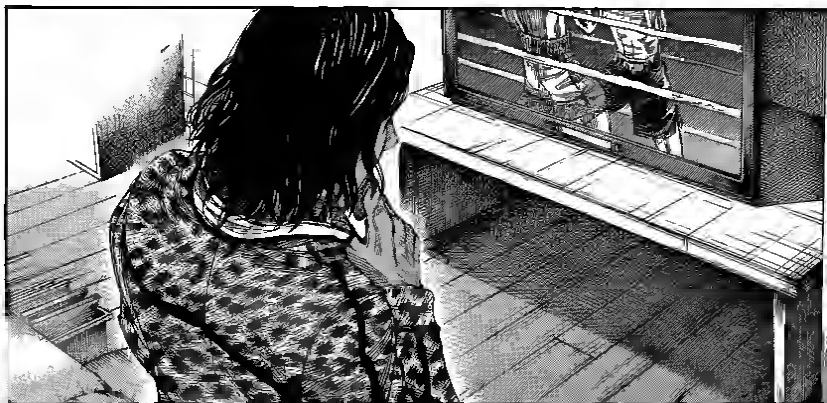

IS THAT YESTERDAY'S ROOKIES GLOVE?
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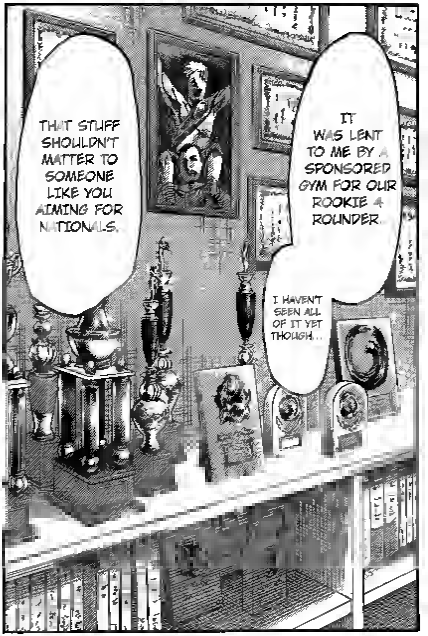
THAT "LEFT"...
IS THAT DUDE REALLY A 4 ROUNDER?
HM?


IT WAS LENT TO ME BY A SPONSORED GYM FOR OUR ROOKIE 4 ROUNDER.
I HAVEN'T SEEN ALL OF IT YET THOUGH...
THAT STUFF SHOULDN'T MATTER TO SOMEONE LIKE YOU AIMING FOR NATIONALS.

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A GUY WHO PUNCHES TO KILL.
RIKU

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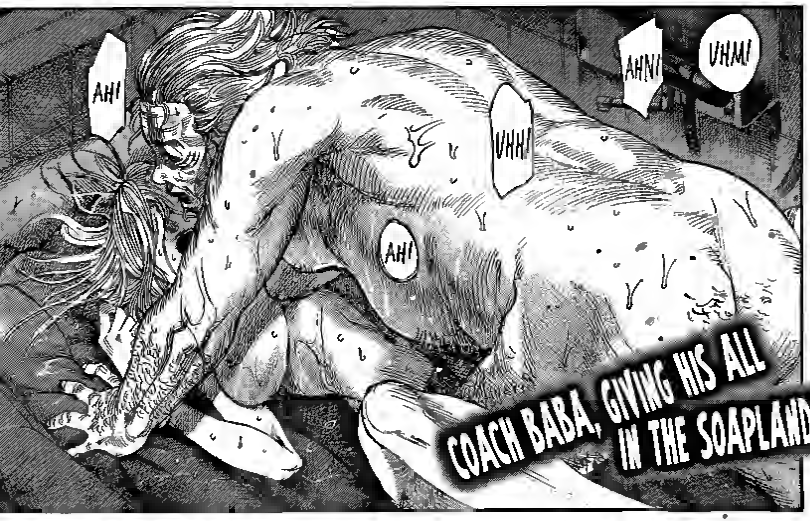

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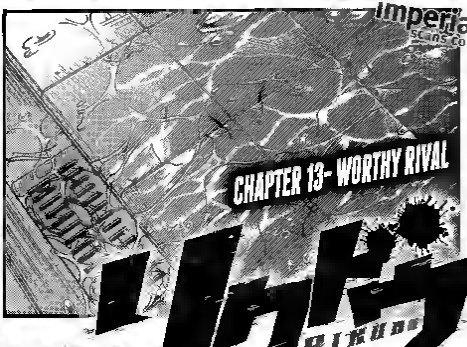

CHAPTER 13- WORTHY RIVAL

リクドウ RIKUDO

LOOK AT THIS GUY'S WAY OF LIVING. THE WELL RECEIVED AND POPULAR FIGHTING MANGA!

SHOULDN'T YOU GO BACK DOWNSTAIRS? RIKKUN'S GONNA COME BACK SOON, NO?
HUH?
IT'S FINE. THE KID'S DOING PRETTY MUCH EVERYTHING BY HIM SELF NOW
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DRINK
ANYWAY, I HAVE SOMETHING ELSE TO DO TODAY...
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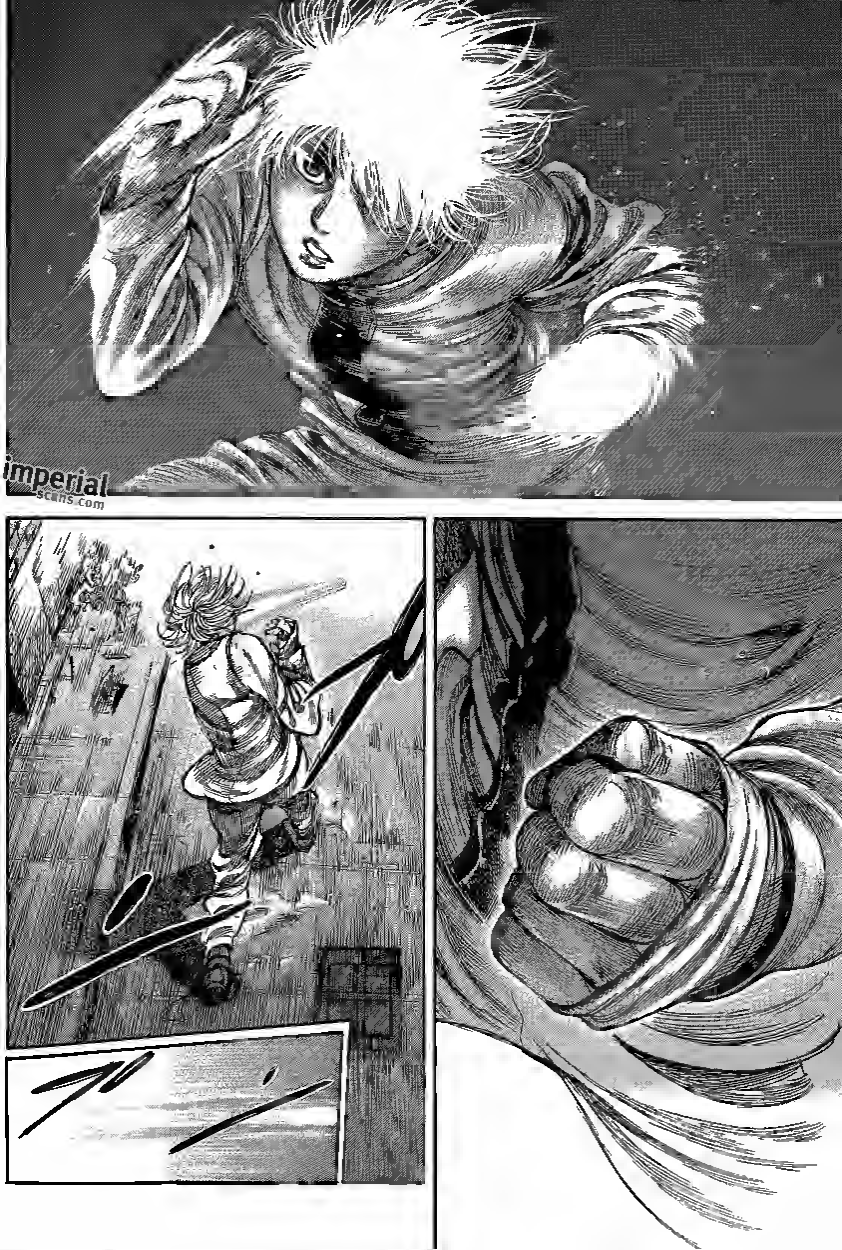
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RUSTLE
RUSTLE
KID, FROM NOW ON, YOU SHOULD...
GOBBLE...
GOBBLE...

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FEAST...
NO MATTER THE OPPONENT OR THE FIGHT, YOU SHOULD SYSTEMATICALLY FEAST ON THEM WHENEVER YOU CAN.
AND ACQUIRE THE VICTORY AT THE END.
TO CLIMB...

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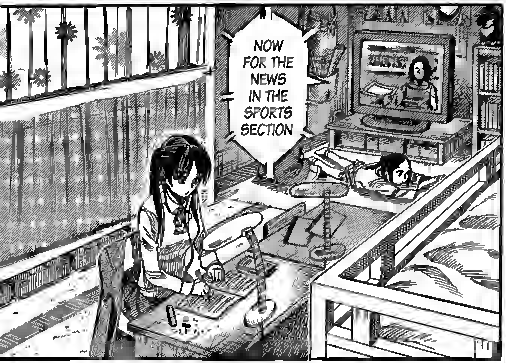
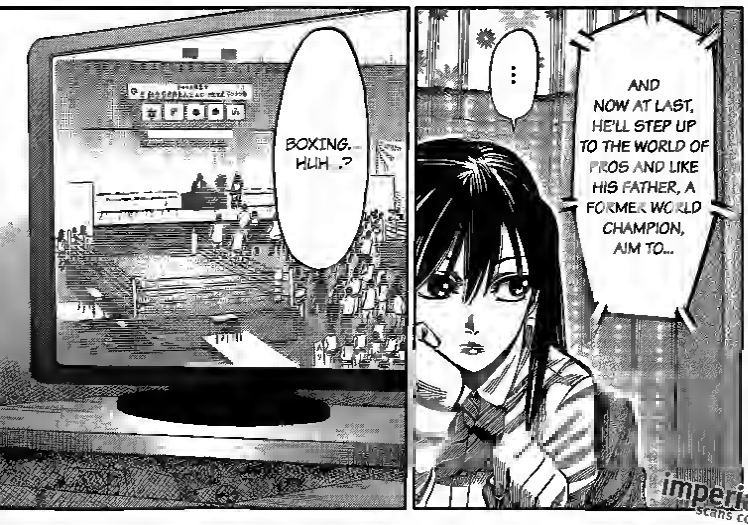


LAST WEEK, KAEDE HYODO HAS FINALLY OBTAINED HIS SIXTH GOLD MEDAL AFTER TAKING THE NATIONALS BY STORM.
HE'S OFTEN ON TV NOWA-DAYS...



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I WISH... RIKU LOSES SOON...
SO THAT HE CAN QUIT BOXING.
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TOKORO ZAWA DIDN'T ANSWER ME...
HUH?

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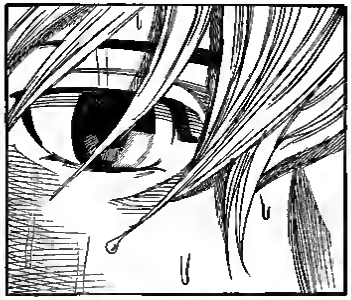

KID!
!

TAKE A BREAK
.....
AND PREPARE YOURSELF FOR A SPAR.
HUH?

SHIT!
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Riku
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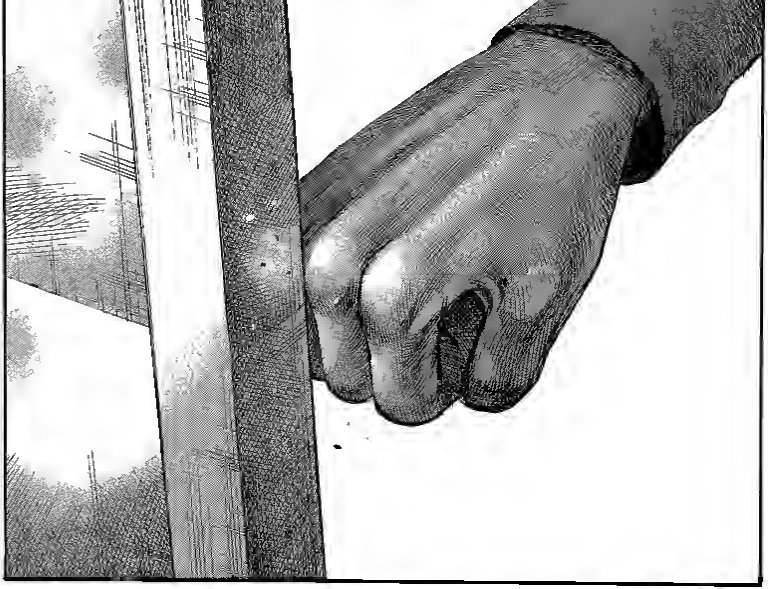
BOASTING ABOUT HIMSELF LIKE THAT...
DAMN HIM...
TOKORO-ZAWA HAS BEEN WEIRD RECENTLY
...



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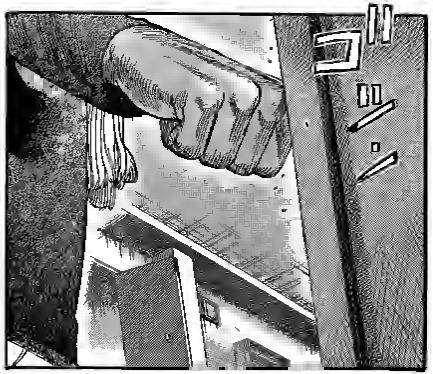
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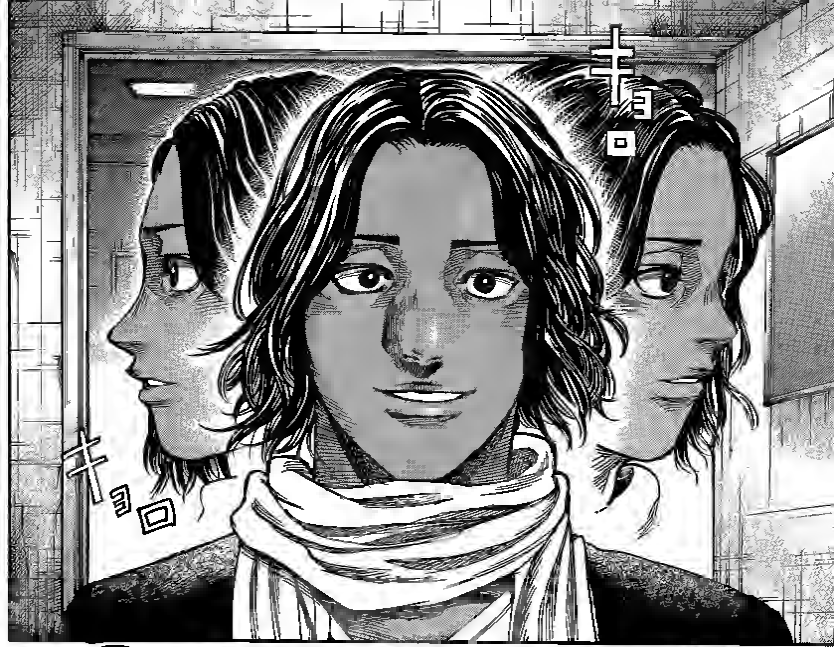

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I'M A FAN OF YOURS.
CAN WE TAKE A PICTURE?
WAIT
IT HAS.
MR. BABA, IT'S BEEN A WHILE.
HYODO!
YEAH?

THIS IS A GREAT HELP. WE COULDN'T FIND A SPARRING PARTNER FOR HIM AT ALL.
WITH THAT SAID,
I'M GETTING A REWARD FOR THAT SO FIGHT PROPERLY, GOT IT?
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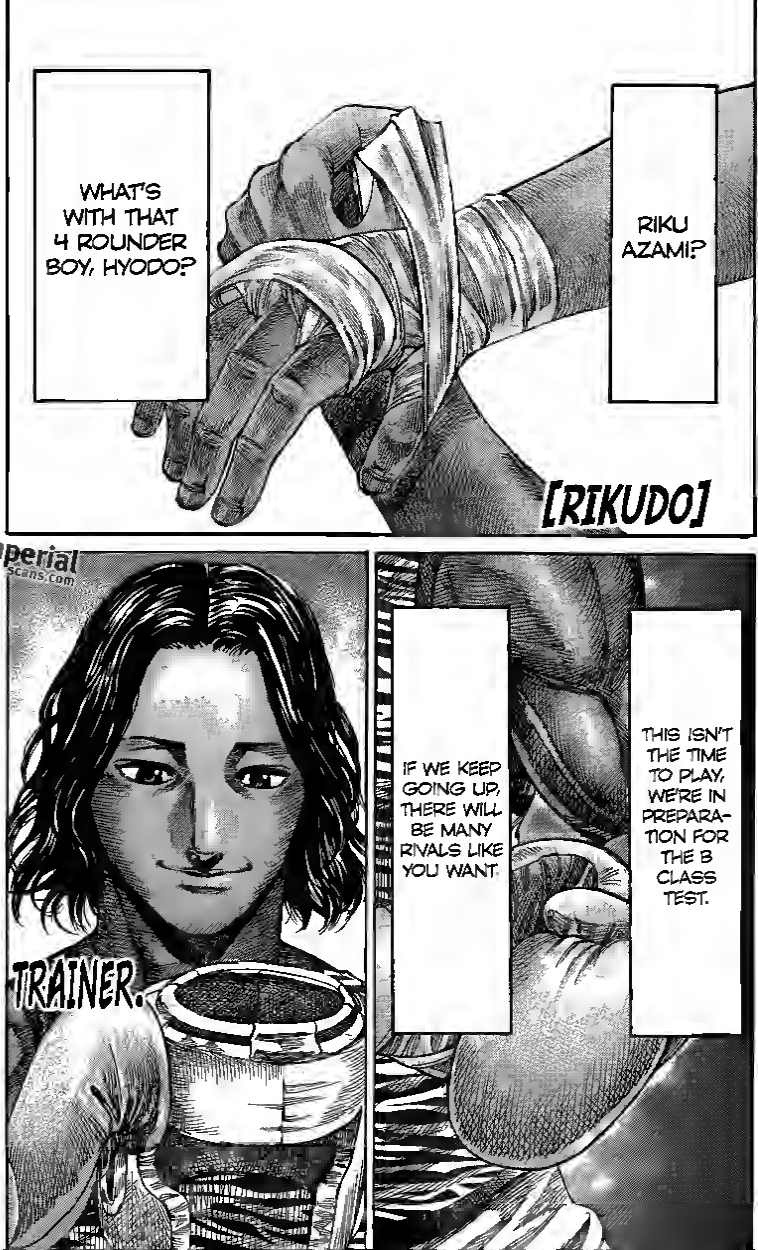
RIKU AZAMI?
WHAT'S WITH THAT 4 ROUNDER BOY, HYODO?
[RIKUDO]
THIS ISN'T THE TIME TO PLAY, WE'RE IN PREPARATION FOR THE B CLASS TEST.
IF WE KEEP GOING UP, THERE WILL BE MANY RIVALS LIKE YOU WANT.
TRAINER.
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LOOK AT THIS GUY'S WAY OF LIVING. THE WELL RECEIVED AND POPULAR FIGHTING MANGA!
RIKU IS SPARRING WITH THE YOUNG GENIUS OF THE BOXING WORLD!
CHAPTER 14: TASTING
RIKUDO
MORE SO THAN YOUR VAGUE OPPONENTS,
HIS LEFT IS WAY MORE INTERESTING.
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SPIRITED FIRST SERIES!!
TOSHIMITSU MATSUBARA

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OH?
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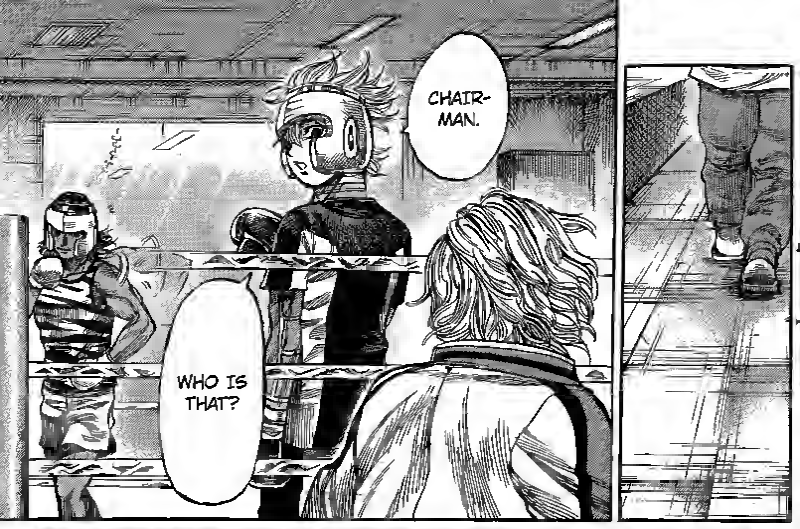
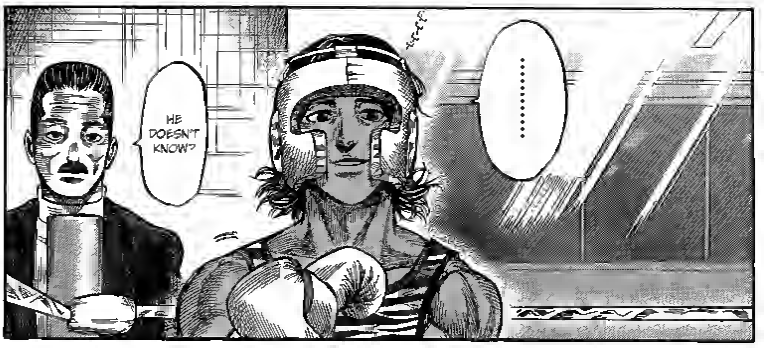
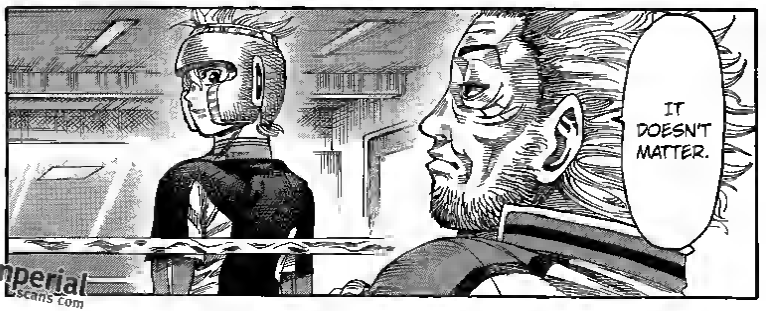
YOU REALLY LOOK LIKE A BRAT COMPARED TO THE TIME OF YOUR FIGHT...
IT'S LIKE I CAN'T FEEL YOUR FIGHTING SPIRIT AT ALL.
IS EVERY-THING OKAY?







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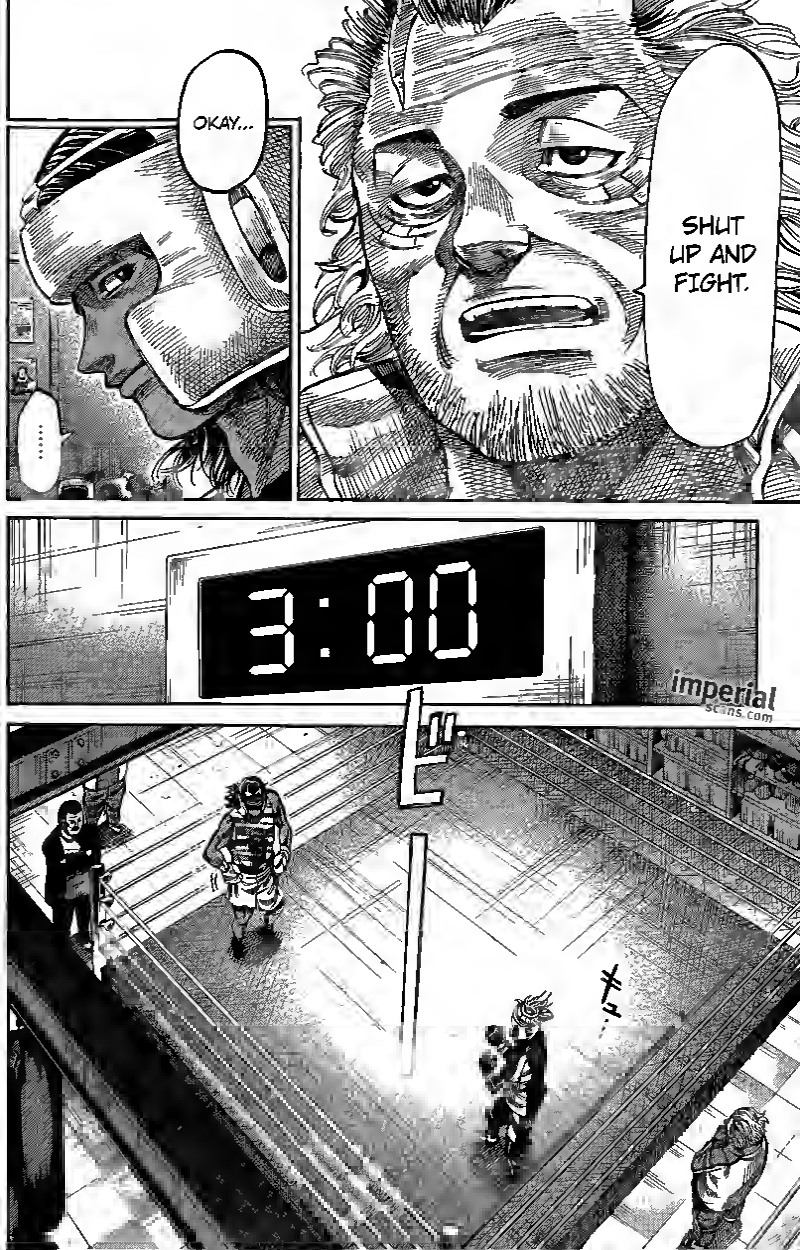
SHUT UP AND FIGHT.
OKAY...
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!
H-HYO-DO?!

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I CAN DO THIS!
WOOSH
WOOSH
CLENCH

THAT FOUR ROUNDER... HE'S COMPLETELY DIFFERENT FROM THE VIDEO?!
PUTTING HYODO IN SUCH A...!

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……?
RATHER THAN HITTING HIM...
……!
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HE IS...

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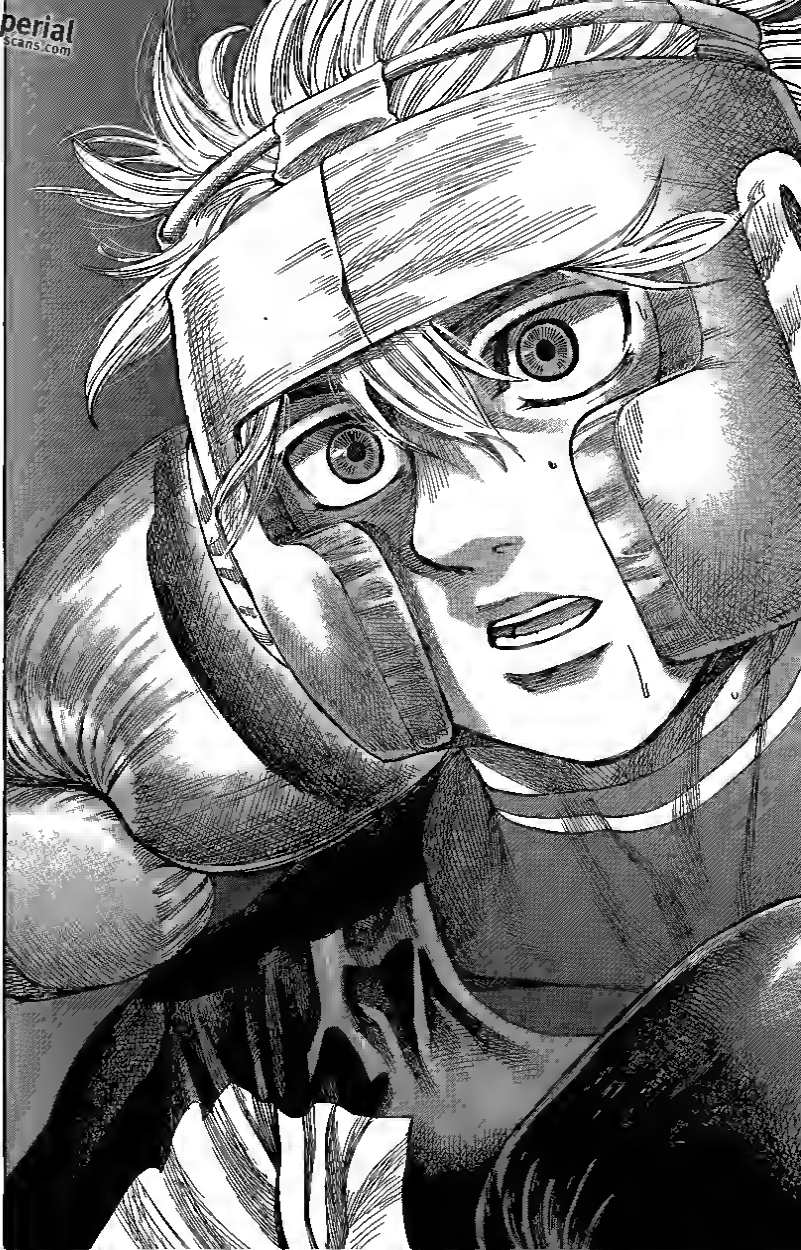

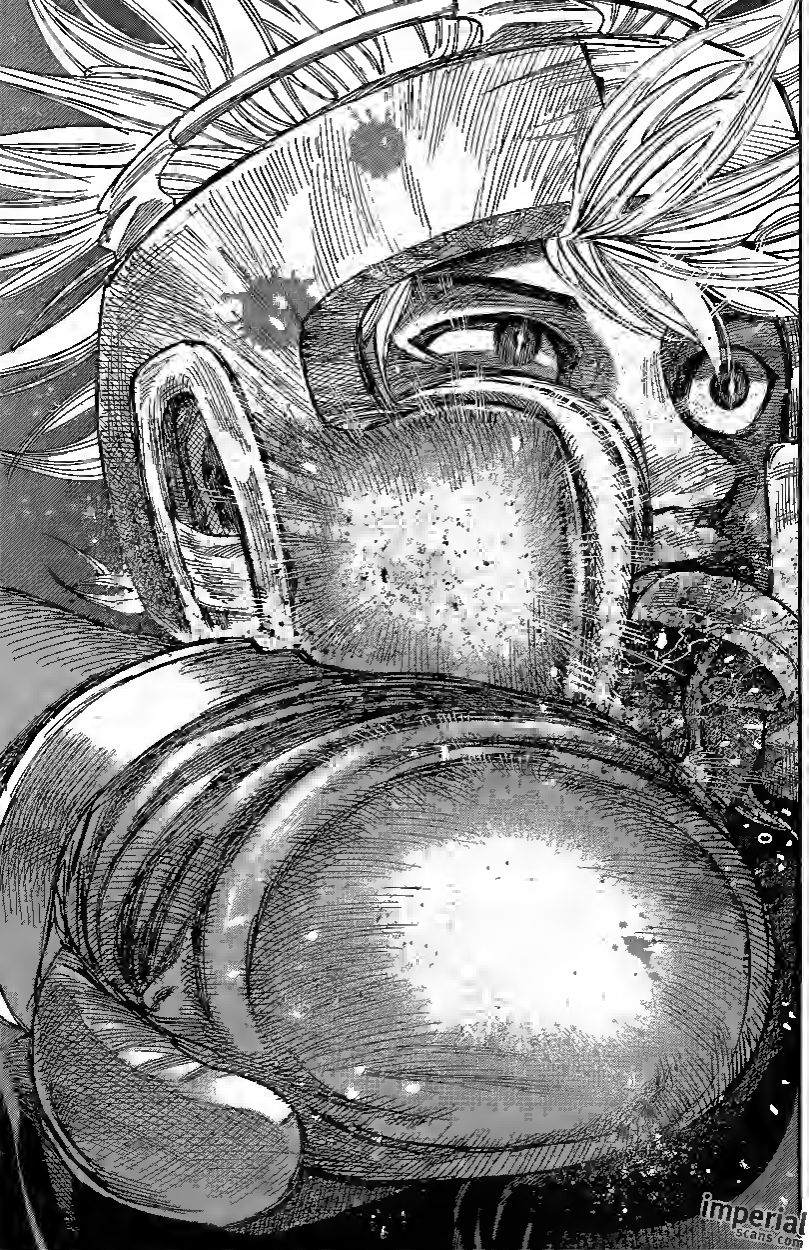
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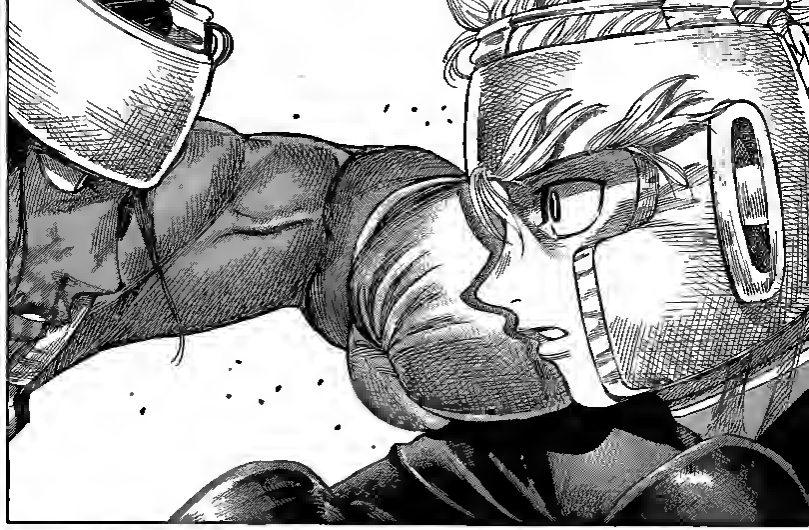

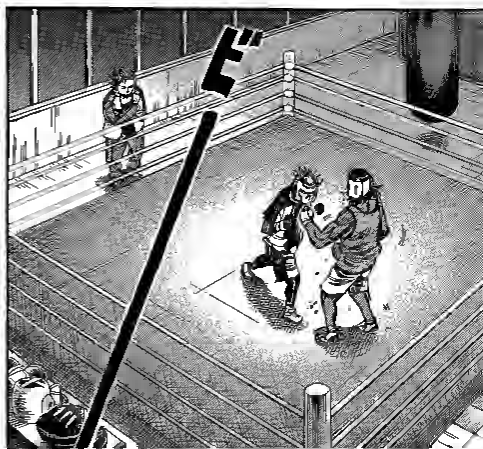

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AH
AH
AH
JUST AS I THOUGHT.
YOU'VE GOT AN ACCURATE AND GREAT PUNCH
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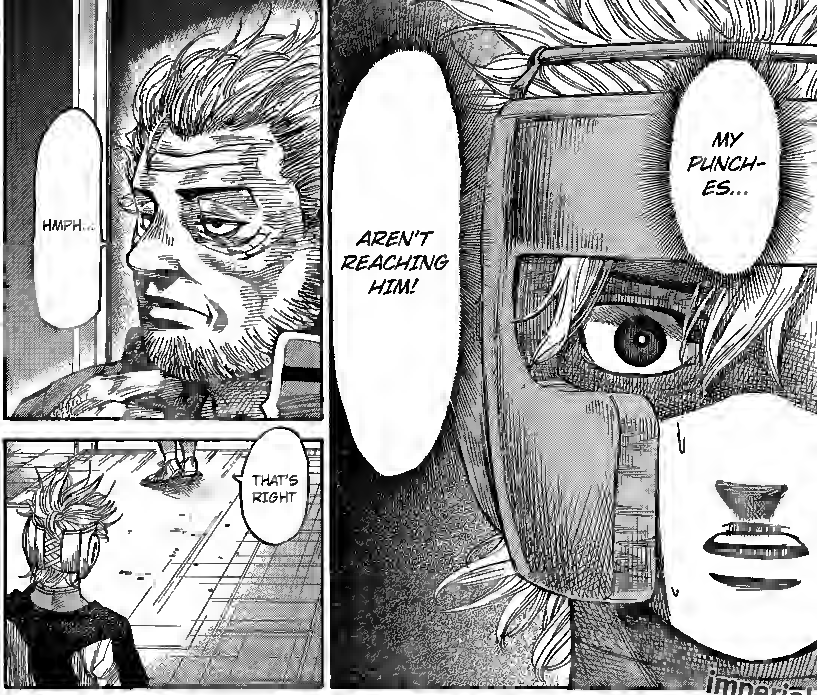
AH
THE DAMAGE A PERSON CAN BEAR IS LIMITED.
THERE'S VALUE IN TAKING IN YOUR PUNCHES...
AH
AH
AH
HYODO!
WHAT'S WRONG?



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YOU'RE PARTICIPATING IN THE ROOKIE KING TOURNAMENT, RIGHT?
IF YOU'RE PARTICIPAT-ING THEN MAYBE I SHOULD AS WELL...
LOCKED ON FROM ABOVE?!
第14話
END
RIKUDO
NEXT ISSUE: IN FRONT OF A REAL GENIUS...?!

OHH?
[RIKUDO]
EVEN IF YOU DON'T FEEL LIKE IT, FIGHT AT LEAST TWO ROUNDS... HEY!
WAIT!
HYO-DO?!
YOU'RE GOING HOME, YOU SAY?!
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WILL HIT THE SHELVES IN SE. TEMBER!!!
IT'S ENOUGH.
AS EXPECTED OF THE REAL DEAL: QUALITIES
CHAPTER 15: DIFFERENT FROM THE REST
リクドウ
RIKUDO
LOOK AT THIS GUY'S WAY OF LIVING THE WELL RECEIVED AND POPULAR FIGHTING MANGA!
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YOU WANT TO FIGHT MORE, DON'T YOU, RIKU?
GRINCH
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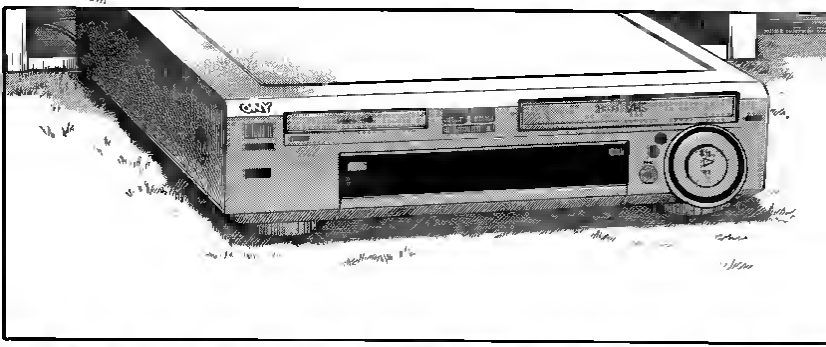

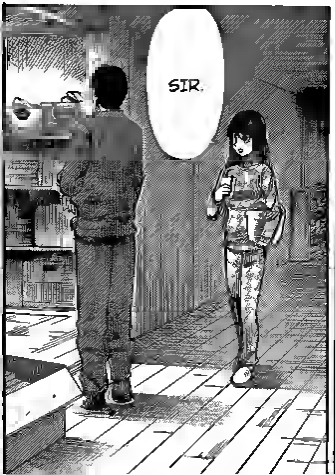

所沢「東日本新人王」
I'M SURPRISED
I'D NEVER THOUGHT THAT AZAMI WOULD ASK ME FOR A FAVOR
THAT TAKES ME BACK, CONNECTING A VHS...
東日本新人王戦
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カァァン
TOKORO-ZAWA WAS AROUND THE SAME AGE
AS ME DURING THE ROOKIE KING TOURNAMENT...
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AROUND THAT TIME TOKORO-ZAWA...
WAS AN OVER-WHELMING FIGHTER...
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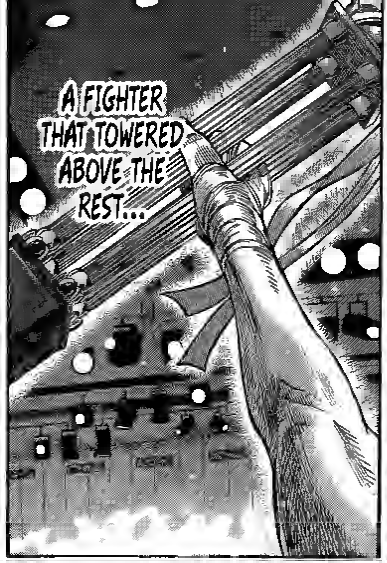

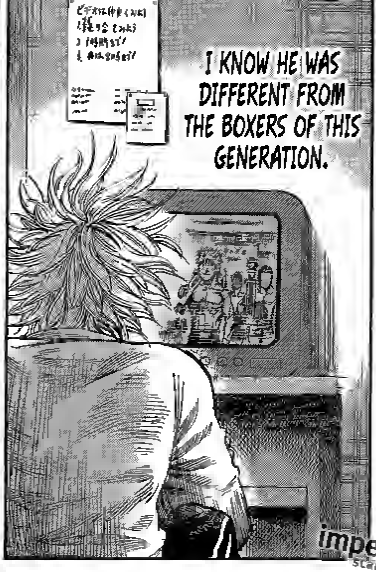

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THAT PERSON...
IS ALSO LIKE THAT.
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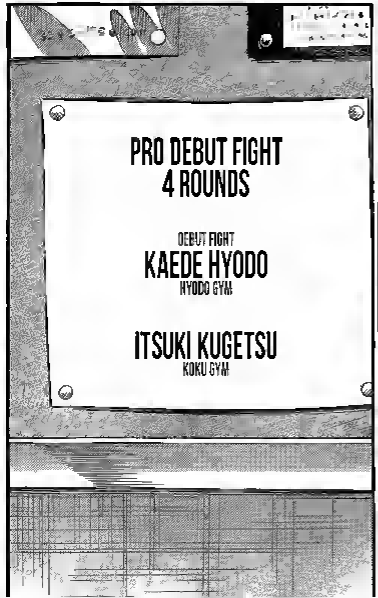

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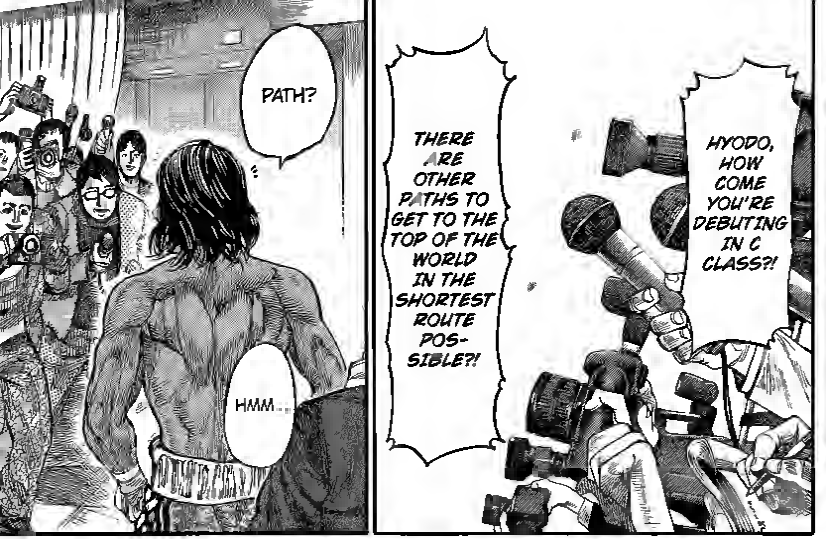
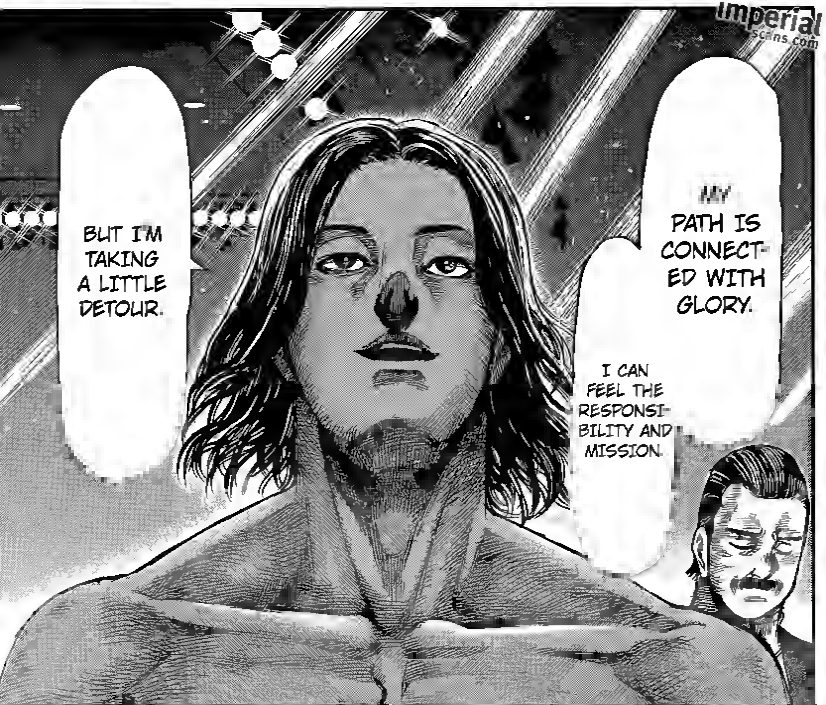
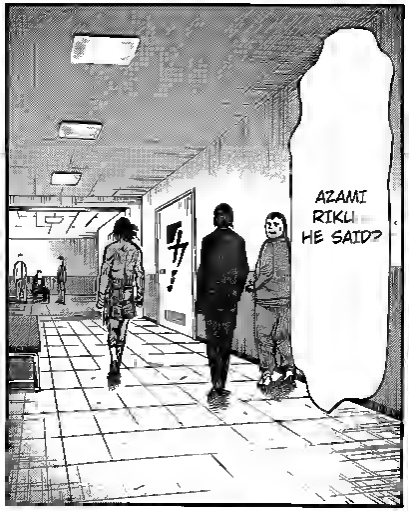
赤コーナー
ラウンド 1回
残り時間 0分 30秒
THANK YOU.


HYODO, HOW COME YOU'RE DEBUTING IN C CLASS?!
THERE ARE OTHER PATHS TO GET TO THE TOP OF THE WORLD IN THE SHORTEST ROUTE POSSIBLE?!
PATH?
HMM...


MY PATH IS CONNECTED WITH GLORY.
I CAN FEEL THE RESPONSIBILITY AND MISSION.
BUT I'M TAKING A LITTLE DETOUR.



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4 ROUND FIGHTS ARE JUST LIKE THIS.
ZZK
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THEY'RE COMPLETELY DIFFERENT FROM RIKU'S STRAIGHTFORWARD UNFALTERING DESTRUCTIVE PUNCHES!
IT'S...

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キィ
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HE'S GOT THE SKILLS TO DESTROY YOU...
WHAT ARE YOU GOING TO DO ABOUT IT?
HAHA
HE WANTS TO FIGHT WITH YOU, AFTER WINNING ALMOST 40 AMATEUR FIGHTS
YOU'RE BEING TARGETED!
バァーン
DOES THAT MEAN HE CAN ALWAYS AIM HIGHER IF HE WANTS TO?
KAEDE HYODO AIMS FOR THE ROOKIE KING?!

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CHAPTER 16 - CLASSMATE
THE MORNING AT SCHOOL.
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チュン
チュン
リバウ
RIKUDO
TOSHIMITSU MATSUBARA
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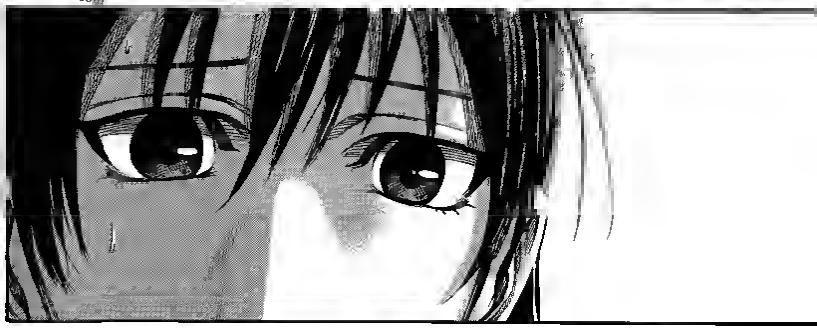

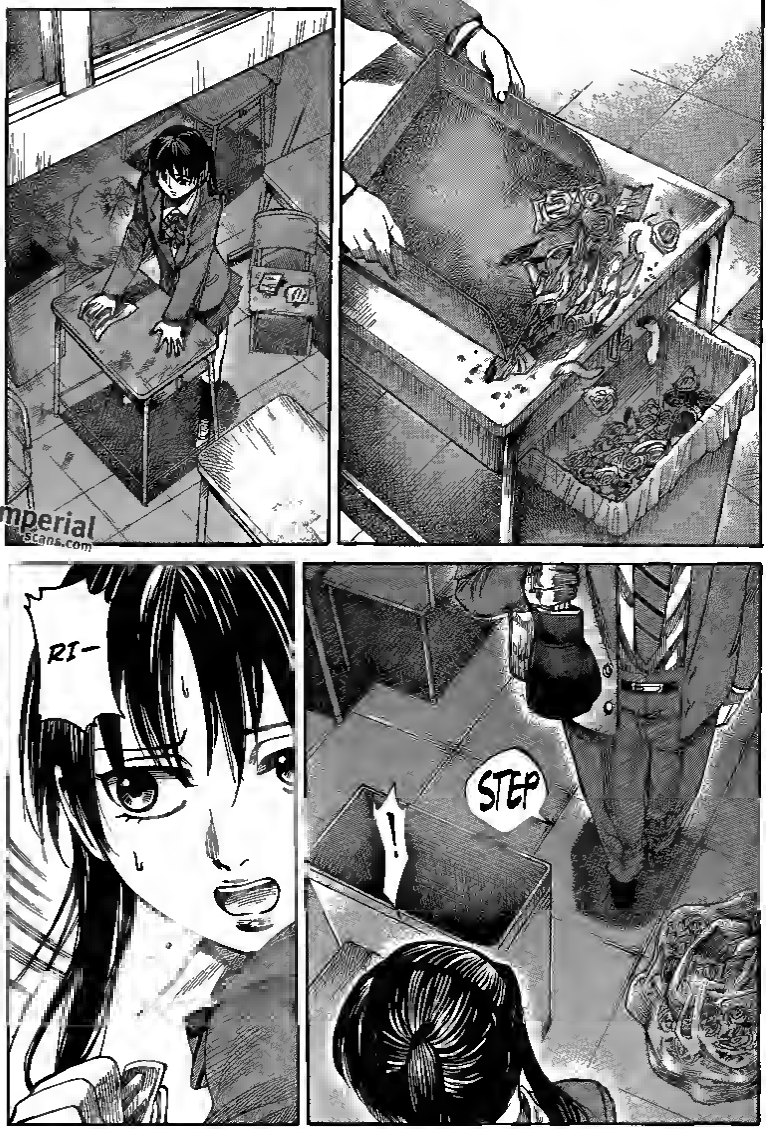

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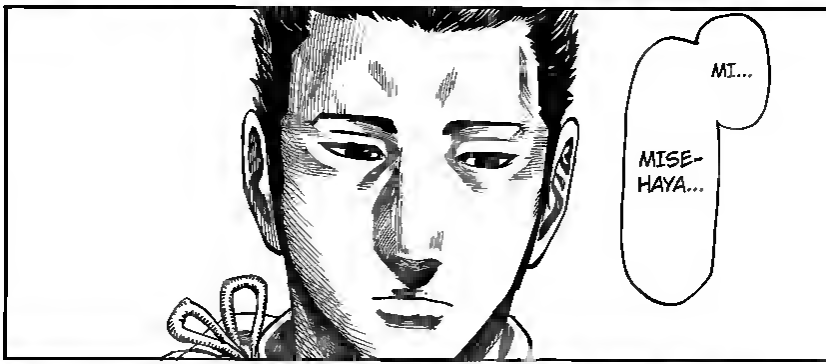
MI...
MISE-
HAYA...

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I MADE YOU SEE SOMETHING DISGUSTING MORNING PRACTICE TODAY AS WELL?
DOES THAT HAPPEN TO HIM A LOT?
NOT SURE... THEY'RE KIDS, SO I GUESS ONLY WHEN THEY WANT TO KILL TIME?
I'LL RUN IT BY THE CLUB MEMBERS, MAYBE THEY KNOW MORE SINCE THEY ARE ALL DELINQUENTS ANYWAY...
THANKS...
...
ALTHOUGH OUR BOXING CLUB IS SMALL IT HAS CHANGED EVER SINCE YOU JOINED IT.
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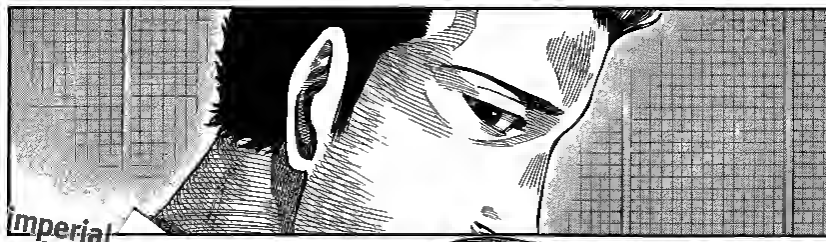
国体4位 三浦早翼
AT THE NATIONALS LAST MONTH YOU PLACED 4TH. I SAW THE AWARDS CEREMONY ON TV, BUT ALL THEY COVERED WAS NUMBER ONE.
I'VE BEEN SPARRING WITH HIM...
ALL THROUGH MIDDLE SCHOOL. BUT BECAUSE I HAD FOOLED AROUND WITH OTHER SPORTS DURING MY FIRST YEAR OF HIGH SCHOOL, I COULDN'T WIN ANY-MORE



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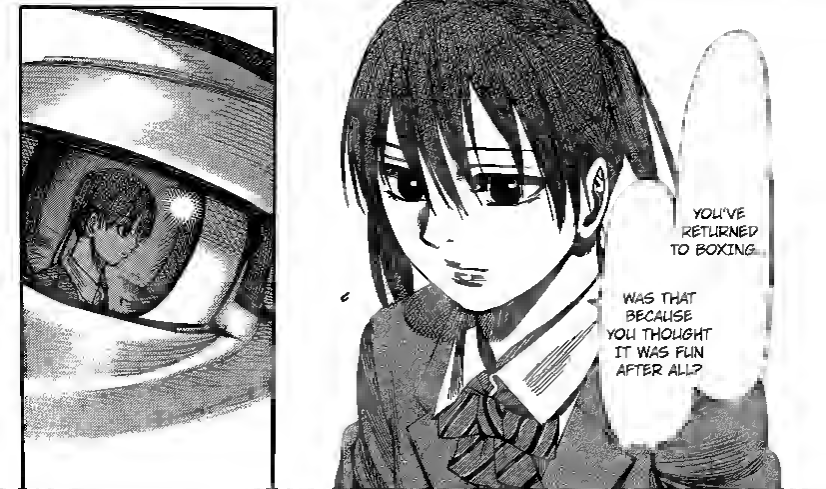

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LET'S DO THIS.
OKAY.
REALLY?!
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RIKU AZAMI.
THE BOXING WORLD HAS BEEN KEEPING AN EYE ON HIM A LITTLE EVER SINCE HYODO SAID THAT.
I ALSO SAW THE ROOKIES GLOVE.
YOU'D EXPECT NO LESS FROM A BOXER OF THE BABA GYM.
AREN'T YOU IN A TOUGH SPOT NOW IF NOT FOR ME AS YOUR MATCHMAKER AFTER THAT STATEMENT?
HMMM.
SO BASI-CALLY...
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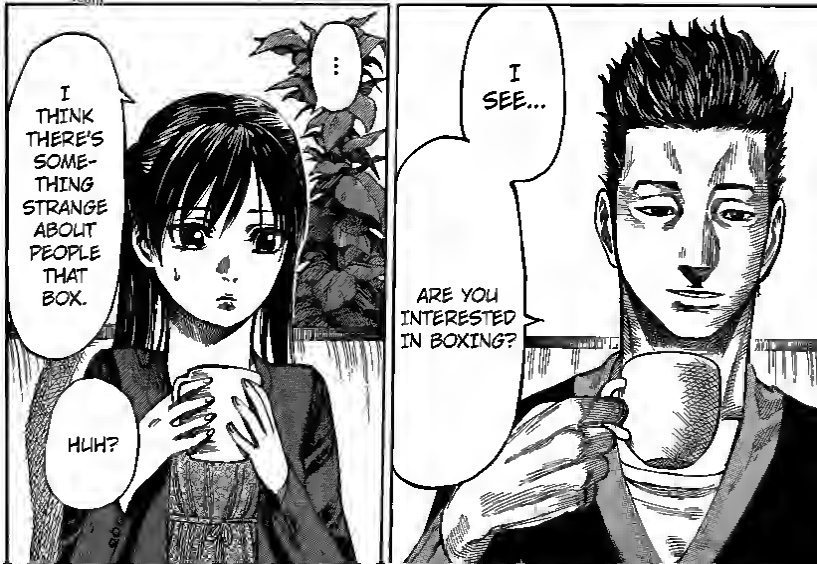
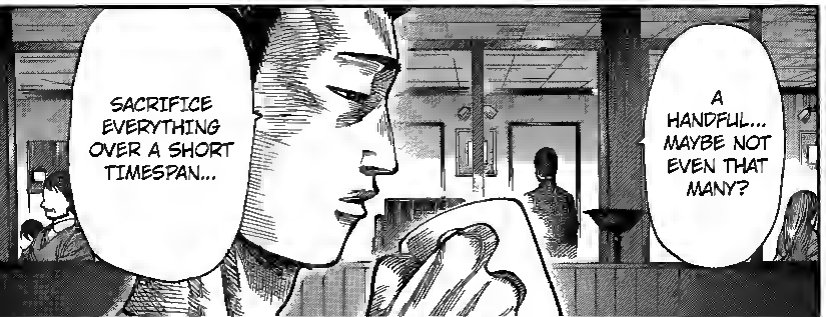
HMPH
HE'S NOT GOING TO THROW IN THE TOWEL.
FOR SOMEONE WHO SEEMED UNINTERESTED, HE POSSESSES LATENT FIGHTING SPIRIT GREATER THAN ANYONE ELSE'S.

GO DO YOUR HOME-WORK.


I THINK THERE'S SOME-THING STRANGE ABOUT PEOPLE THAT BOX.
...
HUH?
I SEE...
ARE YOU INTERESTED IN BOXING?

WHY DO BOXERS SO FERVENTLY PUSH THEMSELVES TO THE LIMIT?
SO MUCH THAT YOU'D BEGIN TO WONDER IF THEY MIGHT DIE..
HA HA HA...
THAT'S NOT TRUE.
AT THE VERY LEAST I TRY TO PROCEED AS EFFICIENTLY AS POSSIBLE, WITHOUT HARMING MY HEALTH


A HANDFUL... MAYBE NOT EVEN THAT MANY?
SACRIFICE EVERYTHING OVER A SHORT TIMESPAN...

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OR A GENIUS?

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IT'S NOT WORTH DESTROYING YOUR HEALTH
BOXING ISN'T A SPORT THAT REQUIRES INSTANTANEOUS THINKING. IT'S DANGEROUS, BUT NOT BARBAROUS.
IS AZAMI ANY DIFFERENT?
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YOU DON'T HAVE TO HIDE IT, I'M ALSO A BOXER, I KNOW HE TURNED PRO.
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THOUGH, I'VE ONLY KNOWN SINCE LAST WEEK.
HE'S AMAZING, YOU KNOW? HE'S BECOME THE TALK OF THE BOXING WORLD
IS THAT SO...
RIKU... IS NOT AS ENERGETIC LATELY AND I WAS WONDERING WHETHER IT WASN'T GOING WELL FOR HIM...
BUT HE WON'T TELL ME ANYTHING.
OH?
HE'S NOT AS ENERGETIC LATELY?
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I'VE ONLY JUST TURNED PRO... DESPITE THAT, IT SEEMS LIKE I WON'T HAVE TO WAIT LONG FOR MY DEBUT FIGHT
WHY DON'T YOU COME SEE MY FIGHT?
IT MIGHT BE A BETTER FIGHT THAN AZAMI'S.
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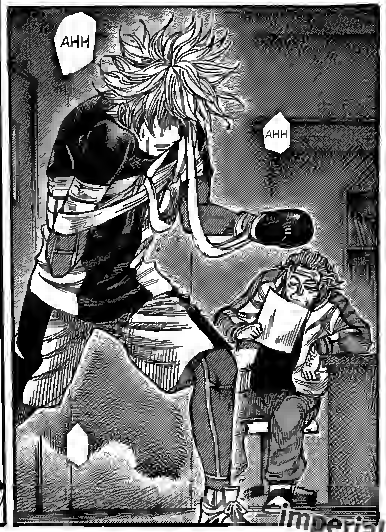

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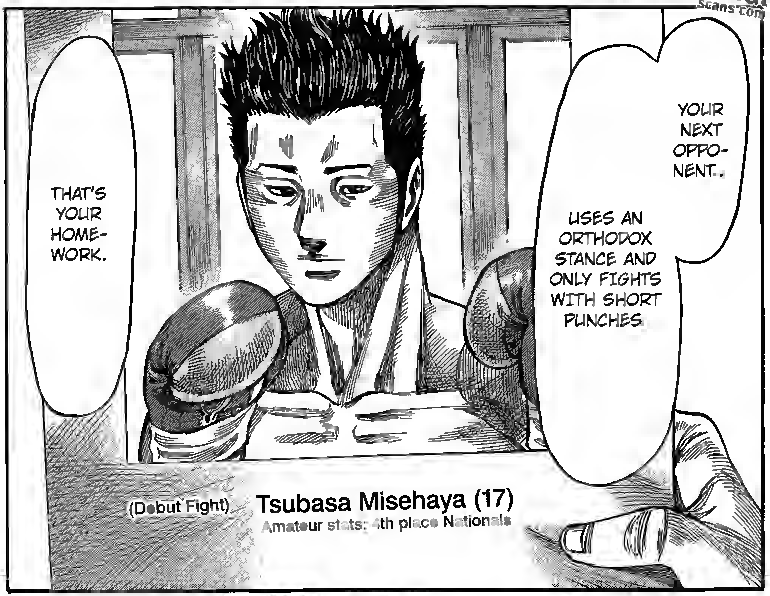
BEFORE HE FIGHTS HYODO, HE WILL HAVE A FIGHT WITH HIS ELITE CLASSMATE.


YOUR NEXT OPPONENT..
USES AN ORTHODOX STANCE AND ONLY FIGHTS WITH SHORT PUNCHES
THAT'S YOUR HOMEWORK.
(Debut Fight) Tsubasa Misehaya (17)
Amateur stats: 4th place Nationals

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RIKUDO
VOLUME 1 WILL HIT THE SHELVES IN SEPTEMBER!
CHAPTER 17 - DESPITE BEING TRAPPED
I DON'T LIVE SO OTHERS WOULD UNDERSTAND ME.
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TOSHIMITSU MATSUBARA

A MEETING IN CLASS, A PRELUDE BEFORE THE ONE IN THE RING. HIS CLASSMATE, THE OPPONENT IN HIS SECOND PRO FIGHT!

BYE, MY CLASS IS HERE.

'KAY, LATER.

YOU KNOW HE...

FWA-HAHA.

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I'M GONNA HAND OUT THE PRINT-OUTS
TAKE YOUR SEATS AND TURN YOUR PHONES OFF
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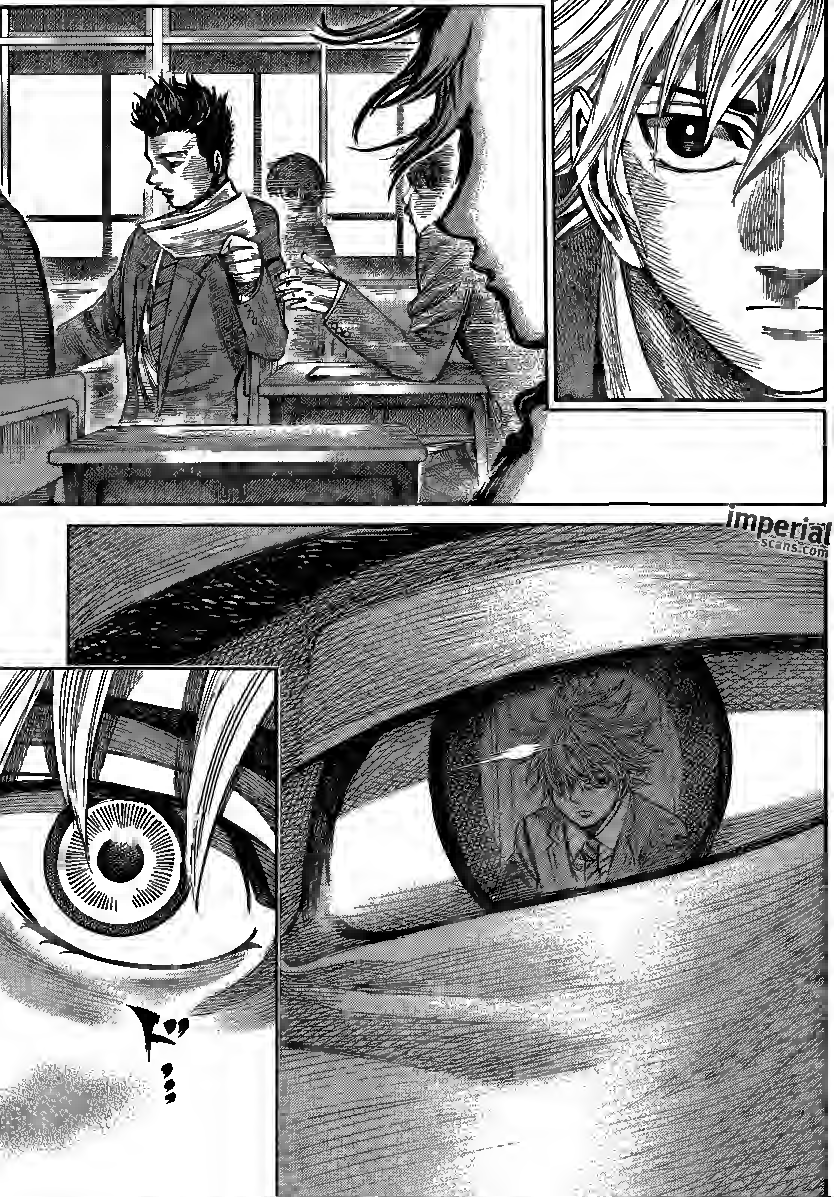
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THAT WAS THE FIRST TIME... THE FIRST TIME I FELT LIKE I "SAW" A CLASSMATE...
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START.
CLICK

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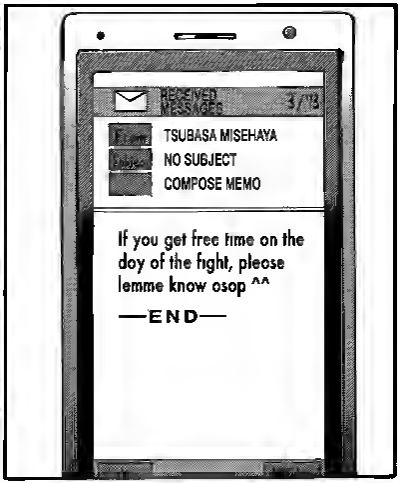
RECEIVED MESSAGES 3/13
TSUBASA MISEHAYA
NO SUBJECT
COMPOSE MEMO
If you get free time on the day of the fight, please lemme know osop ^^
—END—

I WAS INVITED...
TO GO SEE A BOXING FIGHT
ON THE 23RD OF DECEMBER...
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MISEHAYA FROM OUR CLASS TURNED PRO AND IS HAVING A FIGHT THAT DAY
HE KNOWS ABOUT YOU.
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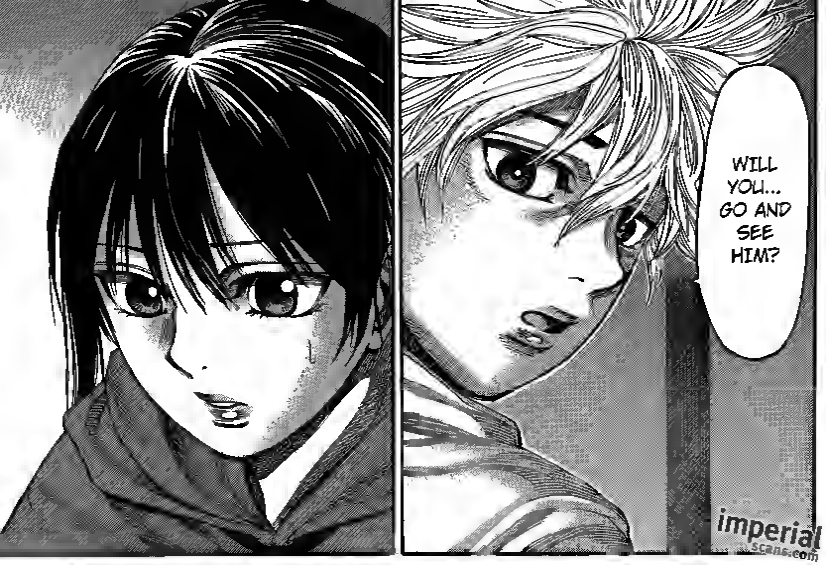
WILL YOU... GO AND SEE HIM?
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YOU DON'T HAVE TO FORCE YOURSELF IF YOU DON'T WANT TO

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BABA GYM AGREED? UNDER THOSE TERMS?
REALLY? THEY RE STUPID
IT'S THAT CHAIRMAN HE'D DO ANYTHING FOR MONEY.
LET'S GET YOUR NAME OUT THERE ON YOUR DEBUT FIGHT, MISE-HAYA

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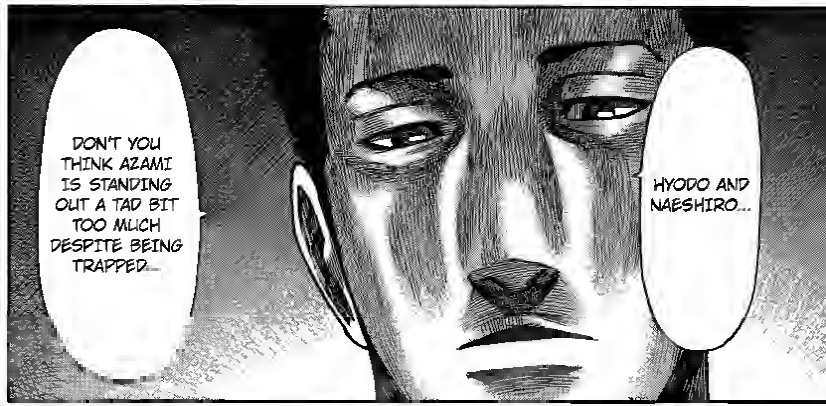
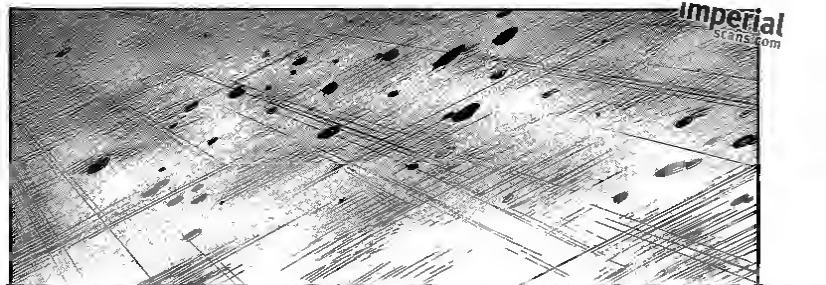
Messages
NAESHIRO
Contacts
I have something to do on that dey, so I can't come root for you I'm sorry.
Take care and good luck
TCH.





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IN IN A HOPELESS LIFE FOREVER?
KID, YOU'RE ONLY ALLOWED TO THROW SHORT PUNCHES, YOU WON'T GET ANYWHERE IF YOU CAN'T OVERCOME HIS REACH.
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KYOSUKE DIDN'T ALWAYS STEP INTO THE RING UNDER THE BEST CONDITIONS EITHER.
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I WANT TO UNDERSTAND...
I WANT TO UNDERSTAND BOXING...
SLAP
SEXY
I WANT TO ROOT FOR RIKU...
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THAT PATH?
WHY DID YOU CHOOSE TO WALK...
HOW CAN YOU HURT YOURSELF SO MUCH LIKE THAT?
BUT... I DON'T UNDER-STAND IT...

HM?
SUCH A BLOOD-STAINED... PATH...
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CHANCE MEETING IN THE BACK ALLEY.
[RIKUDO]
I'M SURE...
YOU'RE RIKU'S...
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.....!

CHAPTER 18: QUESTION
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MISH
OF
RUF-
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SH-
SH-
SH-
W-WAIT
ARGH
A—ARGH
SH-

YOU'RE RIKU'S HOUSE-MATE.
AS SOMEONE LOITERING AROUND A PLACE LIKE THIS AT THIS HOUR, YOU'D MAKE A FINE DELINQUENT DON'T YOU THINK SO?
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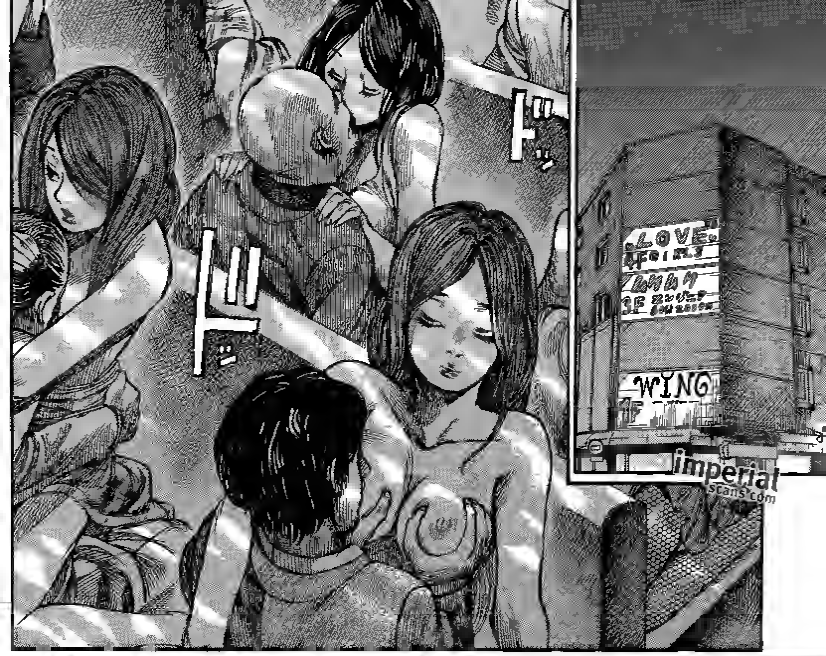
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BUMP
BUMP
SO YOU WERE FIGHTING WITH A STRANGER ON THE TURF JUST NOW? ARE YOU HURT MR. TOKORO-ZAWA?
MY HIPS'VE BEEN HURTING LIKE CRAZY RECENTLY. HAH HAH HAH.
SUS
BUMP
DON'T MOVE. IT'S ALL RIGHT.

IT MIGHT STILL BE A BIT DANGEROUS AROUND HERE SO I'LL SEND YOU OFF.
I DON'T WANT ANY MORE TROUBLE THAN THIS.
Such a pain in the ass.
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Y- YOU'RE THE ONE
WHO INTRODUCED RIKU TO BOXING, RIGHT?

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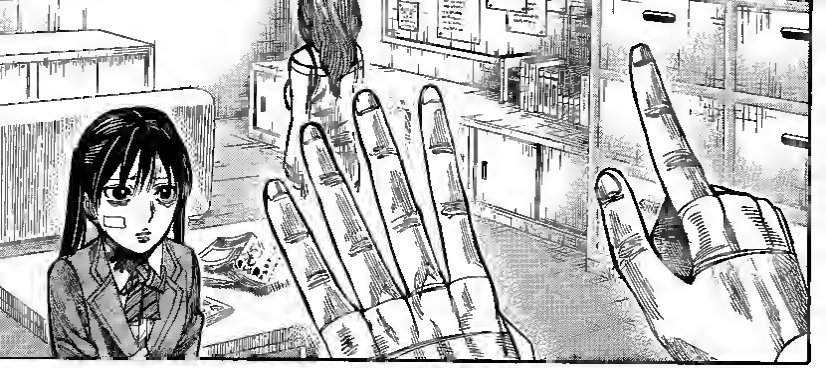

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THAT'S THE MONEY 4 ROUNDERS AT THE BOTTOM AND THE WORLD RANKERS AT THE SUMMIT CAN EARN IN ONE NIGHT
IT DOESN'T MATTER IF THE WINNERS HAVE A CRIMINAL RECORD. EVERYONE CAN BECOME RICH.
DREAMY RIGHT?

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IS THAT ONE MILLION THE HAPPINESS?
IT'S WORTHLESS IF YOU DIE!!
HE'S SO FIXATED ON WINNING OR LOSING HE DOESN'T EVEN SEE NORMAL HAPPINESS!!
RIKU'S HAPPINESS DEFINITELY LIES SOMEWHERE ELSE...
HE CAN'T LIVE WITHOUT BEING OBSESSED ABOUT IT.
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GIVE IT UP.
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IF YOU CAN'T EVEN UNDER-STAND NORMAL BOXERS...
THEN RIKU'S IMPOS-SIBLE HE'S VERY DIFFER-ENT FROM THEM
STOP CHASING HIM.

カチャ
カチャ
RIKU?

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BOHU
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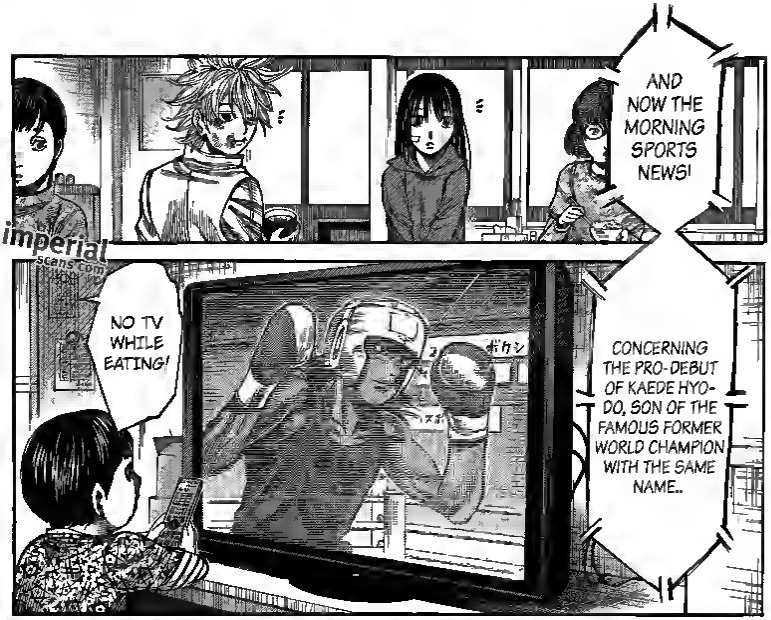
NAE-SHIRO,
WHAT HAPPENED TO YOUR FACE?
YOU ALL RIGHT?
I DON'T WANT TO TALK ABOUT IT...


AND NOW THE MORNING SPORTS NEWS!
CONCERNING THE PRO-DEBUT OF KAEDE HYODO, SON OF THE FAMOUS FORMER WORLD CHAMPION WITH THE SAME NAME..
NO TV WHILE EATING!
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RUNNER-UP AT THE NATIONALS ON THE 10TH OF LAST MONTH
AS FOR NEXT YEAR'S EASTERN JAPAN ROOKIE KING TOURNAMENT, THE HYODO GYM HAS...
IT'S MISE-HAYA.
.....

IF YOU CAN'T EVEN UNDER-STAND NORMAL BOX-ERS...
.....
RIKU,
...I MET HIM BY CHANCE... LAST NIGHT...
THAT YAKUZA WITH THE BLACK CLOTHES.
WHAT DO YOU SEE IN SOME-ONE LIKE HIM
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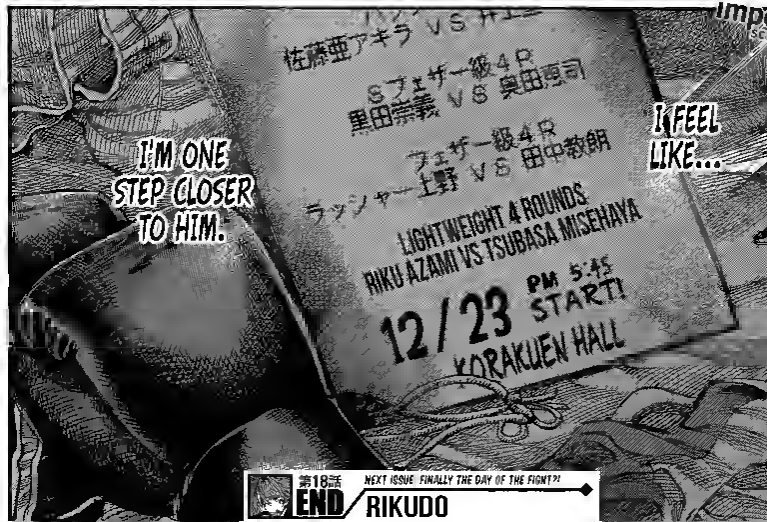
TOKOROZAWA WAS REALLY GOOD AT INFIGHTING.
IF I WIN WITH IT ON MY NEXT FIGHT...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Sフェザー級4R
黒田崇義 VS 奥田亮司
フェザー級4R
ラッシャー上野 VS 田中教朗
LIGHTWEIGHT 4 ROUNDS
RIKU AZAMI VS TSUBASA MISEHAYA
12/23 PM 5:45 START!
KORAKUEN HALL
I'M ONE STEP CLOSER TO HIM.
I FEEL LIKE...
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